THE HOUSE OF JABEZ

Chronicles of the

MERCHANT-MARCHANT FAMILY

from 1721

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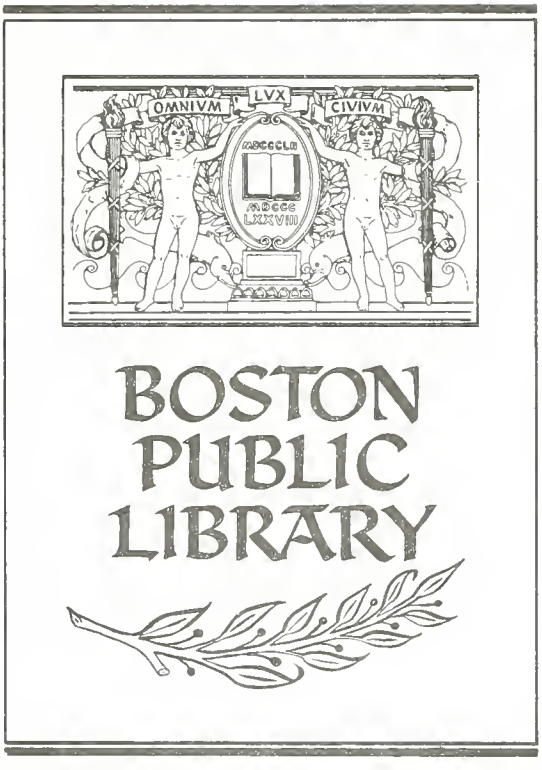

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The following information is an example of what you will find in this book, this book,that had its beginning in 1889.It has been in the making for 97 years, with three authors whose dedication was to the remembrance of "those who have gone before". How well do you know our family history? Read the following and test yourself;

Do you know?

1 That the first Jabez on Cape Ann (died 1773) was a "cordwainer" also became the treasurer and caretaker of the Third Church?
2 That another Jabez (died 1829) was a soldier in the revelution?
3 That another Jabez (died 1820) at age 31 was buried with his infant son Solomen in the same coffin?
4 That when the Independent Christian Church was incorperated in 1792,that in a list of 51 members was the name of Daniel Marchant Jr.?
5 That William Marchant (died 1802) was a soldier in the revelution?
6 That another William (died 1890)
was a fisherman
was a fish-merchant
was a coal & wood dealer
was a selectman
served twice as Represenative to the Legislature ?
7 That Epes Merchant (died 1859)
was a member of the Independent Christian Church
was a Captain in the Mass.Militia
was a "Master Mariner"
established a fishing business in 1825 as "Epes Merchant & Son"
which in years to come became "Shute & Merchant"
that he had 7 sons - 5 were "Master Mariners"?
8 That Epes W.Merchant (died 1887)
was a "Master Mariner"
was a president of the Old Gloucester Bank
was a president of the Cape Ann Savings Bank
was first president of Oak Grove Cemetery
was a directer of the Sawyer Free Library
was a member of the Independent Christian Church?
9 That Henry Merchant (died 1870) was the first fisherman to wear "oilskins"?
10 That George Merchant (died 1899)
was a "Master Mariner"
was a fisherman for 68 years
was the father of 13 children?
11 That Arthur Merchant (died 1895) was the 13th child of his father,who was himself a 13th child but was born "stillborn"?
12 That Benjamin Merchant (died 1831) at age 16,when a wave washed him from the deck of "the Emblem",never to be seen again?
13 That Samuel Merchant Jr. (died 1877) was "Master" of the "Hattie N.Gove" and died of yellow fever - was buried ashore at Permambuco,Brazil?
14 That Simeon Merchant (died 1899) went to work in the gold mines,was shot in the face,returned home and bought Pierces Island.
15 That Joseph Marchant (died 1904) was found hanged in his cottage in Lanesville?

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Do you know? (continued)

16 That Juliette Marchant (living in 1903) became a physcian and went to Texas?
17 That George Merchant Jr. (died 1906)
had his own "Sunday School"
was a member of the Baptist Church
was a fisherman
was an "outfitter"
on one occasion had his fishing vessel seized by Maine authorities as a "porgy pirate" but drove them from the deck at the point of a pichfork?
18 That Albion H.Merchant (died 1940) was a barber for 52 years and his son A.Howard Merchant (died 1974) was a barber for 50 years?
19 That Frank S.Marchant (died 1906) went out to "haul his trawels" and was never seen again,only his dory came back?
20 That George E.Merchant (died 1929)
was a printer
was Mayor of Gloucester in 1900
was our first family historian
21 That Gorham A.Merchant Jr. (died 1961) was a "Master Machinist" and worked for the Cape Ann Anchor & Forge Company for 49 years?
22 That Robert D.Merchant (died 1984) was a "Pharmasist" and established a Pharmacy in Danvers under "Merchants Apochecary" for 27 years and was also our family "Historian"?
23 That John S.Marchant (died 1985) worked for the Dept.of Public Works (Glou.) for 38 years?
24 That Earle T.Merchant (living) has been an "Attorney" since 1925,member of Mass.Courts,U.S.District Courts,and U.S.Supreme Court?
25 That Russell C.Merchant (living) was an "Assistant Cashier" for the Gloucester National Bank for 40 years?

What you have just read is a sample of what you will find recorded in "The House Of Jabez".

Allthough historians have written that our history has been traced back to John Marchant of Braintree,Mass. - 1636,a proven record begins with the arrival of Jabez Merchant in Cape Ann and his marriage to Mary Butman Jan. 12,1721.

Note - Town records has Jabez Merchant as well as the historian,Babson but he signed his name Marchant and the confusion in regards to the spelling remains with us today.

So our first proven records begin with his marriage Jan. 12,1721 as recorded in this book and the last recorded date being the birth of Nathaniel Levi Merchant, July 16,1986 - covering a period of 265 years - 6 month - 4 days.

This book of records is prepared for the Marchant - Merchant family as a "Memorial".

Earnestly commending you every one to G-d and to His mercy which endureth forever,I remain your humble kinsman,

Frank R.Merchant

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"Remember them that have been before thee,

and that come after,

for this is the sentence of the L-rd over all flesh"

Ecclesiasticus 41:3

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This book is hereby dedicated to the memory of;

GEORGE E.MERCHANT (1853-1929) - for his many years of research on our family genealogy,his collection of numerous newspaper clippings,and very valuable family data,thus providing the foundation for this work.

This book is further dedicated to the memory of;

ROBERT D.MERCHANT (1913-1984) - who recovered this work after 50 years, (this work consisted of hundreds of 5x8 sheets of notes,some of them being badly faded and nearly illedgable) deciphered it and organized it into a most scholarly work,and who shared this most valuable work with me,revealing to me who I am and where I came from - the very essence of being.

FRANK R.MERCHANT

IMPORTANT !

AUTHOR AND/AUTHORS - AND REASON FOR THIS WORK

At the first,I must establish the fact to the readers of this Work,that there are many who contributed information or help of some sort to the promotion of this book.There are however three major writers or authors throughout and it will be necessary to establish here who is responsible for what segiment concerned.We all have,I believe,a similer motive and reason for our efforts.

GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT (1853-1929) was our first genealogist or historian and began his work in 1889 at the age of 36 and continued till his death in 1929 at the age of 75."He was a self-taught and self-educated man,his writtings are of a scholarly tone with the touch of conviction which stamps them always reliable and authentic.He is an inveterate reader and information seeker".He had an "inveterate love of facts-gathering which pleased him as an authority on genealogy".(newspaper clippings) His final work over the years,was hundreds of papers of notes and newspaper clippings which laid the foundation for the present Work.A few pages of his original writtings are included herein for observation by the reader.His notes and conclusions are noted by the intials G.E.M.

ROBERT DOUGLASS MERCHANT (1913-1984) Our second family historian and genealogist.His first writtings on the Merchant line are noted in 1979,he then at the age of 66.He continued till about 1983,when due to illness was no longer able to write further.In a letter to me Sept.25,1983,"My work was a couple of years along when I came into pocession of a mass of material thrown helter-skelter in a box.It consisted of a mass of material on the Merchant line --- it was with some difficulty that I squeezed his records into mine,resulting in two large three ring binders of the Merchant tribe."

We find that his father,Roy D.Merchant,also kept some records,he began writting in 1917 at the age of 30 but apparently wrote only that year,a few of his brief recordings are here included in this work.Further we may conclude that his writtings may have influnced his son,Robert,our second author who is noted throughout the book by his intials R.D.M.

I will now include the following write-up as written in the pages of his records and which explain the work of both of our authors and how they passed down from G.E.M. to R.D.M.

> "R.D.M. on the final day of 1980 recalls that G.E.M. started his hobby in 1889 at age 36,over 90 years ago!He was still collecting data in early 1929 as seen from a news clipping in Daniel,dated Jan.13,1929,a little over two months before his stroke in early March 1929.He died March 22,1929 almost 52 years ago!
>
> His genealogy records are on hundreds of 5x8,now yellowed, sheets that have been badly shuffled.He used a numbering system on filing then revised it and marked the corners over with another ink.The second ink not being as good a quality as the first,faded considerably,leaving the old ink showing through which made sorting them a challenge.His handwriting was sometimes atrocious but presents no great problem to a pharmacist who has spent forty years deciphering scrawls of hundreds of physicians.

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G.E.M. was fortunate that his work spanning forty years escaped being lost or destroyed in that insane annual rite called spring housecleaning over a span of 50 years.

I think that he would be pleased to know that his notes are being organized and typed up by a 67 year old grand nephew and copies being made so that his forty years labor will be preserved and give pleasure to many of his collateral descendants,perhaps many now unborn."

In a letter to F.R.M. Jan.1983,he writes;

"I appreciate your requesting the information (genealogy) and preserving it.It is a comfort to me to know that even if my history of my grand uncles (G.E.M.) records are lost that there is another copy extant."

FRANK RUSSELL MERCHANT (1933-) I being the third author of this Work, began in 1981 at age 48 after having corresponded with R.D.M.(he my third cousin) who then shared with me his work from time to time as I requested it.

Although not known to each other at the time,when Robert was writing in 1979, I came to Gloucester that year to begin organizing my intended work at Beach-brook Cemetery,of marking family graves.I had begun restoring the families buriel grounds in 1977,marking the graves as commanded by G-d,(if not already done) and in 1981 when seeking the burial place of my gr.grandfather,Gorham A. Merchant,was informed of Roberts work by Russell C.Merchant of Plum Street in Gloucester.Russell was born (1901-) Thereafter Robert and I began our correspondance.

On May 20,1984,Robert and I met at Oak Grove Cemetery,where he at this time passed on to me the remainder of the Merchant records.This was to be the first time and the last time for us to meet in this world,for he passed away the following Sept.9,at the age of 70y.11m.8d.

And so it came to pass,the work of G.E.M. passes on to R.D.M. and then to me who will be noted throughout this Work as F.R.M.

In conclusion,G.E.M. researched and collected the major part of this material which served as a base for us to work on.R.D.M. researched on his own,and after recieving the work of our first historian,organized the whole into a scholarly genealogical work.F.R.M. after recieving the copied material from our second historian,researched further (in a limited way) revised the material,and added Part II,and established the format of this book.

REGRETS - We regret that there may be errors found in this book.We have all attempted to do our very best in collecting true and factuel information,wrote it down,with the intent to preserve it for the Merchant - Marchant family for generations to come.We regret that there are those of our kin left out of this Work,but not on purpose.Early records were often incomplete,many often lost over the years,monuments and markers(a source of data and other information) are often found destroyed,detereated,or missing altogeather,some graves never having been marked,so no record at all.We do regret leaving out any descendant of Jabez Merchant(Marchant)when such person is known or found but not in the records,we

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ask your forgiveness.We regret that we only have limited records on some of our people,at times only vital records are found as nothing further was ever uncovered.Would it not be something if we could have a complete history on each and every soul descending from our ancient grandfather,Jabez? Or even better to have a history of everyone since the first Merchant settled in America in 1636? But alas! It is humanly impossible to do so.

PURPOSE - Why do we need a family genealogy? Why do we need a family history? Why do we need a book on family chronicles? Why is it important to study the past? What is the purpose of this Work?

As it is taught in the Holy Scriptures,"Honour thy father and thy mother" - this is the central family but must be extended in both directions as it further teachers,"Remember them that have been before thee and that come after." The past is our grandparents and before their time,the future is our grand - children and after.How can we know the past? Why? "Search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers" Ezra 4:15.By searching the records of past generations,we will find many examples of those of our kin who are like our - selves.It is like looking into a mirror,we see a reflection of ourselves.It is difficult to see ourselves in a true light and sometimes even our parents or grandparents,for they are too close,but given a little distance in time and we see more clearly,this reflection that we see is our own true self and we thus find our own personal identity.We at last know just who we are - all descen - dants of Jabez Merchant(Marchant),we are of his seed,we are the offspring of his soul,and we can do no more or less than continue in our destiny as such descen- dants being men or women and to know that we are created in the image of G-d.

Whether we regard the past,the present or the future,all are as one,there being no time with G-d.Time is given only to mortal men.So then,those that have departed are not extenguished,they are not gone forever but only for a little while till we shall join them in the dust (physical sense) but released from the body we shall join them in the spirit.

It is impossible to know future generations beyond our own time,(earth speaking) but by looking into the past we can see where we are and we can know who we are and this gives us direction,thus we are alowed to shine a light down the path of the future for our descendants.

The very purpose of this Work is to preserve the records of our fathers so that generations to come may upon examination and study,may have "roots" or a "foothold in life" an an "identity".May I urge every member of our family,every descendant of Jabez,to search the records of our fathers (many of these records herein),to seek the G-d of our fathers and thus establish ones own self as a rock in the midst of a coming world of upheavel.

May G-d keep and preserve you all.

Frank R.Merchant

As I became more and more aware of my family,especially of those that have passed on,and as I was at this time in the process of restoring certain family burial grounds,some that had lain in neglect for many many years,I became so filled with the longing to know them,to know more about them and would thereby nothing better than to be able to find a way in which to communicate with them. I had even considered perhaps,visiting a medium,perhaps such a person could bring it all about,my desire was most strong.Although I knew perfectly well that the Scriptures had forbidden the practice and passed condemnation upon it - Lev.19:31 "Regard not them that have familiar spirits,neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them".

So one night as I slept,G-d sent me a dream which was thus:"I awoke upon hearing a noise in the wall (sort of a scraching and a muttering) and the Scriptures were made known to me,"seek not to the wizards that peep and mutter" (this found in Isa.8:19) and as I later came awake in reality,I thought that a nest of mice must surely be in the wall,so on the following day,I took the wall out,but there was no mice nor nest nor any sign of any at all,nor any possible way for them to get into that wall,but the Scripture was inscribed in my mind.

Yet the matter continued to plague me,I was most willing to forfiet eternity, if only I could find this contact.I considered the matter again and again.Are the dead unconscious and know nothing? Do they exist in a state of consciousness and if so is it possible to communicate with them? If not why? Why is it for - bidden? First I came to relize just what state the dead are in,"as soon as every one of us yields up his soul,we shall be kept in rest until those times come when thou shalt renew the creation" 2Esd.7:75 and again we find "They understand the rest which they now enjoy,being gathered into their chambers and guarded by angels in profound quite" 2Esd.7:95.Now is it possible to contact those that are dead? Has it been done before? In the book of Samuel we find the following, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium that I may go to her and inquire of her" then the woman said,"Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said,"Bring up Samuel for me" "The King said to her,'Have no fear,what do you see?' And the woman said to Saul,'I see a god coming up out of the earth' --- 'An old man is coming up and he is wrapped in a robe' and Saul knew that it was Samuel,and he bowed with his face to the ground.Then Samuel said to Saul,'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" 1Samuel 28:7,11-15.I think that this must be the final answer. I must accept this as it is written.I would not - I could not for any reason, call back or even attempt to call back those that have passed on if by doing so it would be painful for them or <u>disturbing</u>.

I will wait till I too shall join them in the dust and wait again until that day when G-ds Word shall come to past,"And I will raise up the dead from their places" 2Esd.2:16.Then and only then shall we behold,shall see and hear and know those that have gone on before,whether of recent years or from centures now past it matters not -"In Hades the chambers of the souls are like the womb.For just as a woman who is in travail makes haste to escape the pangs of birth,so also do these places hasten to give back those things that were committed to them from the beggining" 2Esd.4:41.In that day,in G-ds appointed time,death must release those that she holds,"And the earth shall give up those who are asleep in it, and the dust those who dwell silently in it;and the chambers shall give up the souls which have been committed to them" 2Esd.7:32.

Yes! They shall all return,from the least to the greatest but in G-ds own due time.If the waiting seems hard and long,I must wait,you must wait, -- WE MUST WAIT.

F.R.M.

VIII IN THE BEGINNING AND OUR EARLIEST POSSIBLE ANCESTERS

CREATION -

In the beginning,on the six day of creation,G-d created a most unique creature,called man and Adam.He was of fleshy content,a physical being but pocessing a spirit that made him just a little lower than the Angels.It is written in the book of Genesis - "Then the L-rd G-d formed man of the dust of the ground,and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul".But this first man was alone and had no companion.

THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE -

"And the L-rd G-d said:'It is not good that the man should be alone,I will make a help meet for him' --- And He caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept,and He took one of his ribs,and closed up the place with flesh instead thereof.And the rib which the L-rd G-d had taken from the man,made He a woman and brought her unto the man,and the man said,'This is now bone of my bones,and flesh of my flesh,she shall be called Woman,because she was taken out of Man'.Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh".This was the beginning --- our first parents - their creation.This was the foundation of the marriage institution,the uniting of the Man and Woman into one flesh.

THE FIRST CHILDREN -

Then the records continue,"and G-d blessed them,and G-d said unto them,'Be fruitful and multiply,and replenish the earth'".And this they did,for it continues on,"And the man knew Eve his wife;and she concieved and bore Cain -- and again she bore his brother Abel --- And Adam knew his wife again and she bore a son,and called his name Seth".In the process of time(Adam lived 930 years) that "they begot sons and daughters".In the Books of Adam and Eve,it records that they had begotten 63 children.With the third son of our first parents, Seth,a lineage is recorded up until the era of the flood,(this then was to be our first genealogy).However no man today can trace his ancestry back to Adam,would that not be something to do? No man knows where our father,Adam lies buried nor any one that lived in those times before the flood -that world has passed into history and now waits for the Day of Judgement.So now we must pass over the expanse of time until we find some record of our family name and here at this point we shall refer to the writings of our first known family genealogist and historian,George Edward Merchant(1853-1929) who supplies the following:

EARLIEST FINDING OF THE MERCHANT NAME - (PERHAPS SPELLED MARCHANT)

"Merchant was a family name in Gloucester,England in the year 1220.They were also a prominent family on the island of Guernsey,and five of that name were transported as slaves to the Barbadoes for complicity in the Monmouth Rebellion". (Boston Globe - 1897)

THE FIRST MERCHANT TO SETTLE IN AMERICA

"The first Merchant,according to this authority,settled in Braintree,Mass. in 1636".(Boston Globe - 1897) Elsewhere,G.E.M. gives the date 1638 as follows; "of the five possible lines of descent in America,the probability is narrowed down to one name,JOHN MARCHANT of BRAINTREE,1638"."He being the first of the name in the colony" - "His wife SARAH,died Dec.3,1638 at Braintree.Next we have a record of a JOHN MARCHANT who was allowed inhabitant of Newport,R.I.,June 1639, and later records tell of children born to JOHN MARCHANT of YARMOUTH.The historian Savage,supposes that John of Braintree to be the same John later found at Newport, Rhode Island and still later at Yarmouth.G.E.M. apparently differs from this view

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and writes,"I am led to believe that John of Braintree and John of Yarmouth were father and son".

To John Marchant of Yarmouth are attributed the following children;

MARY MARCHANT b.May 20,1642

MARY MARCHANT b. 1648

ABIJAH MARCHANT b.Jan 10,1651 (or Abisha)

JOSEPH MARCHANT b. 1660 (at Plymouth)

Abijah Marchant (above) married Mary Taylor in 1673 and had children,four being uncovered and listed below;

SAMUEL MARCHANT

EBENEZER MARCHANT

ABISHA MARCHANT JR.

JABEZ MARCHANT b. Abt.1695

Samuel Marchant (above) married Joanna Gage in Aug.26,1708 and had the following children;

NATHANIEL MARCHANT b. 1709

SAMUEL MARCHANT b. 1711

HEZEKIAH MARCHANT b. 1713 (whose descendants are many)

SAMUEL MARCHANT b. 1715

SYLVANUS MARCHANT bp. 1729

JABEZ MARCHANT bp. 1729

LEMUEL MARCHANT -

MARY MARCHANT -

MARTHA MARCHANT -

JOANNA MARCHANT -

The descendants of this Samuel (who married Joanna Gage) are to be found in many parts of the country today.One branch went to Vermont,several went to Connecticut, still others to New York State,and it is their descendants still to be found in other sections of the country from Maine to California.(The above information extracted from the writings of G.E.M.,previous to 1914.)

Of the four children of Abijah,(that we have uncovered),we have listed the first son Samuel and his children,the second son,Ebenezer Marchant will be covered in the INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER I,the third son,Abisha Jr.,we have nothing but his name and the fourth son.Jabez,will of course be covered in that first chapter.Jabez possibly was the youngest child of Abijah and his wife,Mary Taylor, for he was born about 1695 and his mother would be near age 40, - this fact may have been significant in the naming of the child,for the name means "sorrow" or "trouble".

Returning to John Marchant of Braintree,"His descendants settled at Yarmouth, Cape Cod,and from that place came Jabez Merchant to Cape Ann,sometime previous to 1721 and was given a grant of land near Lobster Cove,Annisquam".(Globe - 1897)

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We will now continue with this man and his family,they being our first proven ancesters,as recorded by George E.Merchant.

F.R.M.

It will be most importent for the reader of this Work,to carefully examine all of these introductory pages,first before venturing into the depth of the work.

EXPLANATION OF THE FORMAT

Ihave followed the same system in the construction of this Work as was first established by my cousin,Robert D.Merchant.We have followed our descent from Jabez Merchant (1695-1773) to his no.1 son,Daniel Merchant (1721-).This being Chapter I and Chapter II which follow with Daniels no.4 son,William Merchant (1751-1802) this being Chapter III etc.This system follows an ancester - ial lineage from father to son and these each mark a chapter head,telling his history and that of his children and their descendants except for the next son in our ancesterial line,which will appear in the following chapter.In this way all descendants are included and each Merchant son or daughter can follow his or her own ancesterial line.I regret that we have so little information on some often only a birth date,and most regretfully,some are not to be found herein. If we do not have the record of any descendant of Jabez Merchant,then it is naturaly impossible to have included that offspring.

Going back to our chapter heads,if R.D.M. had lived and was able to complete the Work,he would have branched off after the George Merchant Chapter (1807-1899). His line would follow child no.1 George Merchant Jr. -Orlando Merchant -Roy D. Merchant - then R.D.M. My line follows child no.12 Gorham A.Merchant - Frank Merchant - Russell W.Merchant - then F.R.M.

NUMBERING SYSTEM

Each chapter includes the descendants of the person in the chapter head.
EXAMPLE - Chapter II Daniel Merchant
Generation 1 would be his children and marked with an Arabic number (each chapter follows likewise)

KEY

Arabic Numeral 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, etc. =Son or daughter
Roman Numeral I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII, etc. = Grandson or granddaughter
Capital letters A,B,C, etc. = Great grandson or great granddaughter
Small letters a,b,c, etc. = G.Great grandson or g.great granddaughter
Small letter plus Arabic number a1,a2,a3,a4, etc. = G.G.great grandson or g.g.great granddaughter
Small letter plus Arabic number,plus Roman numeral,etc. = G.G.G.Great grandson or g.g.g.great granddaughter

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PART I

By ROBERT D. MERCHANT

The nuclus of this section is from the work of R.D.M.,he having transcribed the work of G.E.M. and merged it with his own genealogical records.

I have added the articles, "The Third Church", "The Marriage Institution and its Consummation", "Consumption - The Dreaded Killer", "The Wreck of the Hesperus" a memorial, "The Independent Christian Church", "Our Earthly Beginning and our Hope",plus several notations and commentary.I have scattered Scripture texts throughout where I thought appropiate,added new data and information as recieved and have revised the Work in general so as to be consistent throughout the entire Work.

F.R.M.

We hereby quote from a brief account of the early Merchants on Cape Ann. Babson's History of Gloucester,page 273 has the following;"EBENEZER MARCHANT of Yarmouth,married here in 1719,and has the birth of one child recorded.It is not known how,if at all,he was connected with Jabez,who appears in town soon after that date.The latter married Mary Babson in 1721,and had several children.She was probably the widow of John Babson,who lived at the head of Lobster Cove; where in 1723 Jabez Merchant had a grant of half an acre of land.She died in 1778,the date of his death is not known.They had several children;the oldest of which was Daniel,who married Hannah Woodbury in 1744.His son,Jabez,was a soldier of the Revolution;and died in January,1829,aged eighty.Another son William,was the father of Epes,who settled at the head of the Harbor Cove soon after 1800;carried on the fishing business extensively for many years; and died April 10,1859,aged seventy-eight".

In 1914,G.E.M. had a booklet privately printed entitled "The Merchants of Cape Ann". Unless follow up chapters were planned,it would have been more accuratly titled; "Origin of the Merchants of Cape Ann".It tells almost nothing about the descendants of Jabez.Quotes from his booklet follow;Page 8 - "Thus it will be seen,that of the personal history of the first five generations of the Merchant family of Massachusetts,if not the entire country,but little is known, even after a search extending over a quarter of a century".(written in 1913) Page 6 - "Jabez Merchant (cordwainer),apparently the village shoe-maker,the second of the name on the Cape,and whose family lines continue to the present, was married --- etc."

(R.D.M. Feb.1980 - F.R.M. July 1985) The first of the name on the Cape was Ebenezer,from Yarmouth,who appears there in 1719,about a year prior to the appearance of Jabez.Ebenezer married a widow,Bethiah Millet.It is thought that she was the daughter of John Day and Abigail Leach.She was b.Feb.20,1683 and due to her previous marriage to Andrew Millet begot the following children;

JOHN MILLET b.1708

BETHIAH MILLET b.1709

ABRAHAM MILLET b.1710

ANDREW MILLET b.1712

JOSEPH MILLET b.1714

JEREMIAH MILLET b.1716

Andrew Millet d.March 25,1718 at the age of 37 years.

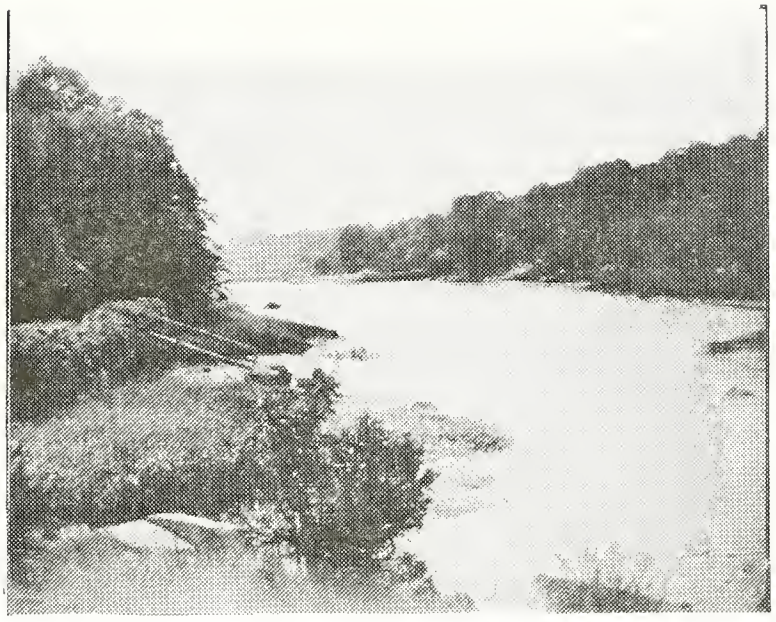
Ebenezer Marchant and Bethiah Day now the widow of Andrew Millet were married Dec.24,1719. She was age 36 years but his age not known,but probably about the same - his folks being married in 1673.They begot one child,a daughter,Martha who was b.Oct.21,1720 and d.Nov.1720,age 30d.After the death of their daughter no more traces of him are found.G.E.M.is of the opinion that Ebenezer and Jabez were brothers;both being sons of Abijah Marchant and Mary Taylor.He thinks that Abijah was a son of a John Marchant from Yarmouth,who in turn was a son of John Marchant of Braintree (then part of Boston).

MERCHANT or MARCHANT --- which?

G.E.M. writes on page 20 of his booklet; "--- and then pick up the tangled thread of Jabez Merchant of Cape Ann whose name was Marchant or Merchant as best suited the whim of the recording clerk.For this reason the writer has chosen,except in a few cases to treat all as Merchants rather than Marchants.

The first deed of record from Jabez Merchant and his wife is recorded as Merchant,and at a later date someone with a different ink sought to change the signatures to Marchant,while the body of the instrument still reads Merchant. To-day both renderings of the name are in use in the same family,even as in the time of William who had four sons,two of whom took the name Merchant and the other two preferred to be called Marchant".

(R.D.M. 1980) Perhaps the ones that preferred the Marchant spelling,spelled it as pronounced.These old Merchants were only a few generations from England and probably pronounced it MARchant regardless of how they spelled it (assuming they could write).Even today some British people still pronounce Derby as DARby, Servant as SARvant,and Clerk as CLARk.Early colonial spelling was as various as New England weather;Bootman changes to Butman,Stainwood becomes Stanwood,and Harridan has many changes in the placement of A's,E's,and R's.Today we find that the effects of public education enable all people to read,write,and spell and that names are now standardized.The fact exist that today the family is divided into two families and this because of the spelling of the family name.There are many MARchants listed in Gloucester today and it is probable that most of them dont know that they are of the same stock as are the MERchants.



Lobster Cove
A view from behind the Third Church

Bay View Cemetery
Somewhere among these stones is the grave of Jabez.

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--- JABEZ MERCHANT ---

"Jabez won himself more honor than his brothers.His mother gave him the name Jabez,'because'she said,'in distress I gave birth to him'.
Jabez called on the G-d of Israel,'If you truly bless me,' he said,'you will extend my lands,your hand will be with me,you will keep harm away and my distress will cease'.G-d granted him what he asked."
(1 Chronicles 4:9-10,Jerusalem Bible)

Jabez was b.1695 at Yarmouth,Mass.,the son of Abijah Marchant and Mary Taylor(unproven) and d.1773 at age 78(also unproven).On Jan.12,1721 at age 26 (about) he married the widow,Mary Babson who was 23,in Gloucester by the Rev. John White.Mary was b.July 18,1697,the dau. of John Butman and Sarah Robinson and d.March 12,1778 at the age of 80.John Babson,Mary's first husband,was b.Dec.14,1691 and d.June 1,1720 aged 28y. 5m. 17d. --- Vit.Rec. age 29y.He was the third son of John Babson and Dorcas Elwell.Mary had three children by this first marriage and these will be recorded later.

G.E.M. writes;"As with his parentage and birth,so with the death of Jabez, nothing definite has this far been learned.Babson(historian)supposes his death to have occured about 1773,presumming from the fact that an order was drawn on the town treasurer April 12,1773,'to pay unto Samuel Griffin Jr. or doer the sum of ten shillings for making a coffin for Jabez Merchant deceased.'(3-278) and that this was the first Jabez."He thus records every entry he could find in the town records relative to Jabez.They follow in chronological order with some comment by R.D.M. as to his age at the time of the entry.

G.E.M. continues; "As to the worldly prosperity of Jabez Merchant we find but little to indicate that he was differently situated than the majority of the towns-people contemporaneous with him. At the time of his marriage,he is called a cordwainer --- that is to say a shoemaker." His original grant of land follows; Com.Records Vol.I page 333 --- Gloucester,Febuary ye 25th 1722 Persuant to a vote of ye commoners,relating to ye half acre lots,there was laid out to Jabez Merchant about half an acre of land above Lobster Cove and bounded at the south west corner with a heap of stones;at ye north west corner with a heap of stones; at ye north east corner with a heap of stones;and at the south east corner with a heap of stones.Price 1-0-0 (one pound,no shillings,and no pence)The date of this grant is Feb.25,1722.The year would be 1723 on todays calander.All dates from Jan.1 to March 25 prior to 1752 can be corrected as to the year by adding 1 to the year.England and the colonies until 1752 started the new year in March.At the time of this grant,Jabez was age 27,wife Mary age 25.They had been married for a little over a year and had a son Daniel,aged three months.If the children by her first husband were living,they were ages 6,5, and 3.

Twenty years later,on March 9,1742 Jabez reappears in the Com.Rec. Vol.2 page 197. "Granted(if it can be spared) to Jabez Merchant a small piece of common land near the house that was Thomas Vincent's at the head of the lane that leads from Benjamin Davis's --- etc. --- to be left with the commitee this day chosen to lay it out if it can be spared." This was voted and passed at a meeting on March 25,1743.N.B.This sixteen days later from above date,not a year later as 1743 started March 25.At the time of this grant,Jabez was age 48,Mary age 46.At least six of their children are alive but none married yet;although the following year three got married.

Fourteen years later Jabez reappears in a record of the Third Parish, March 30,1757.Mem:"This 30th day of March 1757,agreed with Mr.Jabez Merchant to take care of the meeting House and carry the Contribution Box and take care of the Pound for the Third Church. The assessors agree to give him 1-6-8 lawful money a year and 1/4 lawful money over and above the above sum." 1-6-8 is one pound,six shillings and eight pence.1/4 is one shilling four pence.

Jabez resurfaces again at the end of the following year on Oct.4,1758; Selectmens Record Book 3 page 28,we find that Jabez Merchant had his tax abated (0-18-6) and on the 18th in another list he was abated 1-1-3. G.E.M. writes here: "This of course might indicate several conditions,but from subsequent entries in the selectmens records we are free to presume that at this time his ability to furnish financial support was not equal to the needs of his family." (R.D.M.) On this date in 1758 Jabez is age 63.We have nothing to indicate his state of health.His wife Mary was aged 61.Their child Lemuel was 21 years old and recently married.

Jabez emerges again over five years later when he sells the commons land that he had aquired in 1742 plus some abutting property.Salem Records 112;223 - "Jabez Merchant of Gloucester,'Cordwainer' for 53-12-8 conveys to Ambrose Griffin --- etc. Feb.6,1764" Granters wife 'Mary'.The deed reads Merchant but is signed Marchant.

On March 14,1765 at a Parish Meeting,Jabez Merchant "chosen to take care of the pound and the meeting House." Jabez at this date was about age 70 and his wife age 68.

On March 31,1768 - Salem Records 123:148 - "Jabez Merchant of Gloucester, cordwainer,conveys to Daniel Merchant,mariner,for 24 pounds lawful money,his house and land ---etc. the whole of said land being about half an acre,be the same more or less." Grantors wife 'Mary'.Deed signed Marchant.

Third Parish Records,"March 23,1769,Thomas Sewel treas,Jabez Merchant advance of six shillings allowed by William Norwood,David Lane,Thomas Lane,Committe for said Parish." At the time of this advance of six shillings Jabez was aged about 74 and his wife 71.We now note a further decline and the end of this man,our ancient grandfather,but he is the first proven ancester of our chain of the Merchant line of ancestry.

At a meeting of the selectmen held March 26,1770 (3-220) in a list of the poor of the town who were "let out" in accordance with the custom of the times, we find the name of Jabez Merchant,but he must have been living at his own home at this time,for further entries show that on Jan.10,1771 (3-229) an order was

drawn for 3-11-6 in favor of Andrew Harraden "for supplying Jabez Merchant the year past to this instant." Again on Sept.3,1771 an order was drawn (3-241) to pay Samuel Griffin 1-19-3 "advanced Jabez Merchant and wife,between the fifth and 25th day of March last."

March 25,1772 (3-253) it was voted "Jabez Merchant to be supplied by Thomas Griffin." April 21,1772 (3-255) an order was drawn to pay Samuel 4-10-4 "whereof 33 shillings and five pence is for sundry supplies for Jabez Merchant." On July 6,1772 (3-257) an order was drawn to pay "Capt.Cornelious Fellow 10-7-11 for sundry supplies for Jabez Merchant." and on Sept.25,1772,Thomas Griffin (3-261) recieved 6-7-4 for supplies furnished the same.

Now follows the record already given which indicates that the benificiary had died,however we will note it again.An order was drawn on the town treasurer April 12,1773 "to pay unto Samuel Griffin Jr. or doer the sum of ten shillings for making a coffin for Jabez Merchant deceased."(3-278) The last mention of him is in a later order,after his death,when on Feb.23,1774 (3-364) Ambrose Frison was paid 1-1-8 "for digging two graves for poor persons deceased,and six foot of wood for Jabez Merchant."

G.E.M. described their condition delicatly when he wrote,"his ability to furnish financial support was not equal to the needs of his family." R.D.M. writes,"an expression of my mother Laura would be fitting - 'poor as church mice' or an expression of my daughter Shirly - 'living in the lap of poverty.' The following is included by F.R.M. for consideration;

"Do not be afraid,my son,because we have become poor.You have great wealth if you fear G-d" - Tobit 4:21

"This poor man cried,and the L-rd heard" Psalms 34:7

MARY BUTMAN - wife of Jabez

Mary was first married to John Babson in 1715 at age of 18 and when he died in 1720,she was 23 years old and seven and a half months later married Jabez. (We have already recorded information on her first husband.)The children of this first marriage of Mary Butman and John Babson were;

CHILD NO. 1 MARY BABSON b.Dec.15,1716

CHILD NO.2 JAMES BABSON b.Dec.19,1717

CHILD NO.3 WILLIAM BABSON b.Nov.4,1719

Of these half cousins,we have no further records.

Her second marriage to Jabez was to produce the nine additional children found on the family group sheet and whose records follow.At the baptism of the last child,Mary was a couple of months past age 40.The records of G.E.M. vertabim follow; "After the death of her husband,Mary Merchant appears to have taken up her abode with her son,Daniel.The records show that on March 22,1776 (3-428) he

recieved from the town 1-8-0 for keeping his mother from Nov.1,1775 to 25 March 1776.Later (3-434) he recieved 1-19-0 in full for keeping the widow Mary Merchant from 25 last March to 25 Sept.1776.April 21,1777 (3-440) an order was drawn to pay Daniel Merchant 39 shillings for keeping Mary Merchant from 25 Sept.1776 to 25 March 1777.April 28,1777, (3-441) it was voted in a list of the poor let out;Daniel Merchant to keep Mrs.Mary Merchant at 1/6d per week.Aug.1, 1777 (3-448) he recieved 1-19-0 in "full for keeping ye widow Mary Merchant from 25 March 1777 to 25 of Sept.1777; and in March 25,1778 (3-460) it was voted to pay him 2-16-5 in full for keeping his mother,the widow Mary Merchant,deceased, from 25 Sept.1777 to March 1778 including every other charge.She died on the 12th of March of this year "age 80 of consumption".(end of G.E.M..Quote)

She was living at this time at the home of her son Daniel,who according to the belief of the late Ebenezer Pool of Rockport (historian) "settled to the eastward of the Folly Cove,on the crooked road near the late Joel Griffins house." I am of the opinion that Pool's Daniel was the son of Daniel the first.(see deed to Daniel).This may have been the Mrs.Merchant whom the Rev.Samuel Chandler wrote in his diary (II page 26) under date of Aug.28,1761, "went to Squam to see Mrs. Merchant,dangerously ill of consumption;she is apprehensive of danger;is earnest in desiring and seeking",but if so,her disease did not make the progress one would expect.F.R.M.writes; "her endurance could have been the result of faith, for is it not written?"the fear of the L-rd prolongeth days" Proverbs 10,27."

We have a final record from the Third Church (page 447) which shows the death on March 12,1778 of "Mary,the widow of Jabesh,Ae 80,of consumption." - note the spelling of Jabez.

(R.D.M. Feb.21,1980) This destitute old lady is the ancient grandmother of all the Cape Ann Merchants and Marchants.G.E.M. counted over four hundred at an unknown date over sixty years ago.We do not know how many hundreds,perhaps thousands,of her descendents bear other names.

REST IN PEACE OLD GRANDMOTHER

The Ancestorial Lineage of JABEZ MERCHANT ------- 1636-1695

JOHN MARCHANT

b.(perhaps in England) (settled in Braintree,Mass. in 1636)

m. ---

d. ---

Whom begot

JOHN MARCHANT

b. (lived in Yarmouth,Mass.)

m. ---

d. ---

Whom begot

ABIJAH MARCHANT

b. Jan.10,1651

m. 1673 -------MARY TAYLOR

d. ---

Whom begot

JABEZ MERCHANT

b. 1695

m. Jan.12,1721 ------- MARY BUTMAN (widow of John Babson)

d. 1773 Age - About 78

ANCESTRY OF MARY BUTMAN
(wife of JABEZ MERCHANT)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Mary Babson (born Butman)
b. July 18,1697
p.b. Gloucester
m. Jan.12,1721
d. March 12,1778
p.d

2 John Butman (Father of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
m. June 30,1690
d.
p.d

3 Sarah Robinson (Mother of No. 1)
b. Sept.17,1671
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 Jeremiah Butman (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b. Salem,Mass.
m. Oct.8,1659
d.
p.d

5 Esther Lambert (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 Abraham Robinson (Father of No. 3)
b. 1645
p.b. Gloucester
m. July 7,1668
d. About 1740(no record)
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

7 Mary Harraden (Mother of No. 3)
b. 1649
p.b. Gloucester
d. Sept.28,1725
p.d. Gloucester

Jabez Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. 1695 d.1773
p.b. Yarmouth p.d. Gloucester

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Abraham Robinson (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d. Feb.23,1645
p.d Gloucester

13 Mary --- (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d. April 17,1690
p.d. Gloucester

14 Edward Harraden (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d. May 17,1683
p.d Gloucester

15 Sarah --- (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d. May 14,1699 or March 4, 1691
p.d.

16 b. m. d. (Father of No. 8,)
17 (Mother of No. 8,) b. d.

18 b. m. d. (Father of No. 9,)
19 (Mother of No. 9,) b. d.

20 b. m. d. (Father of No. 10,)
21 (Mother of No. 10,) b. d.

22 b. m. d. (Father of No. 11,)
23 (Mother of No. 11,) b. d.

24 John Robinson
b. 1575 (Father of No. 12,)
m.
d. 1625 (not proven)
25 Bridget White (Mother of No. 12,)
b.
d.

26 b. m. d. (Father of No. 13,)
27 (Mother of No. 13,) b. d.

28 b. m. d. (Father of No. 14,)
29 (Mother of No. 14,) b. d.

30 b. m. d. (Father of No. 15,)
31 (Mother of No. 15,) b. d.

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Jabez Merchant	1695-1773	Age 78y.

Wife

Mary Butman	1697-1778	Age 80y.

This couple were married on Jan.12,1721 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.Daniel Merchant	1721-?	Age ?
2.Mary Merchant	1723-?	Age ?
3.Martha Merchant	1725-?	Age ?
4.Jabez Merchant	1727-?	Age ?
5.Lois Merchant	1729-?	Age ?
6.Samuel Merchant	1731-?	Age ?
7.John Merchant	1733-?	Age ?
8.Eunice Merchant	1735-?	Age ?
9.Lemuel Merchant	1737-?	Age ?

Descendents of Jabez and his wife,Mary Butman.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT b.Nov.18,1721, m.Nov.19,1744 Hannah Woodbury. Hannah was born about 1724 and was dau. of Nathan Woodbury and Hannah Giddings. This couple are our ancesters and will have their own chapter.

CHILD NO.2.MARY MERCHANT b.Aug.13,1723 (bp.Sept.1st) m.Dec.3,1745 William Doliver who was b.June 17,1724 and was son of Peter Doliver and Abigail Saunders. No death date but before May 14,1759.One son recorded;

CHILD I WILLIAM DOLIVER Bp.Feb.26,1749 (No other information)
The record of Mary's death reads; "Mary,the wife of William Doliver died" but with no date.The husband married secondly,Abigail Saundres May 14,1759 by whom he had a son William.(If the above is correct it appears that he married a woman with the same name as his mother's maiden name)No further data.

CHILD NO.3.MARTHA MERCHANT b.June 20,1725 (1-184), Baptized at the First Church June 27,1725, m.April 17,1744 Joseph Day who was b.Sept.8,1724 and was son of Joseph Day and Jane Boyd.There is one child recorded;

CHILD I JOSEPH DAY b.Oct.21,1744 (date correct)
G.E.M. adds, "The husband was a descendent of Anthony Day who came to Gloucester about 1640 and married Susan Matchet,'servant to William Vinson',I fail to find either a record of her death or the death of her husband in the vital records of the city."

CHILD NO.4.JABEZ MERCHANT b.Aug.2,1727,Bp.Oct.15,1727 in the First Church.No death date in the Vital Records.No other information.

CHILD NO.5.LOIS MERCHANT b.July 14,1729, m.Nov.22,1748 Caleb Woodbury.He was b.March 20,1728 and was son of Caleb Woodbury and Hepzibah Lane.Their children recorded in Gloucester were;

CHILD I CALEB WOODBURY b.March 22,1751

CHILD II LOIS WOODBURY b.March 16,1753
Other children seem to have been born to them,for Mr.Babson is our authority for the statement that "They and their children Caleb Jr.,Lois,Lemuel,Walter, and Roger,having removed to Newbury,were warned out of that town in 1763," - but they do not appear in Gloucester again.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT Bp.Aug.5,1731 in the Third Church.His marriage intentions dated Oct.31,1753 were with Isabella Day.(the records has it as 'Essabela' and 'Isabellah').She was Bp.Oct.8,1732 and was the dau. of Joseph Day and Jane Boyd.From the records of the Third Church we find four children as the result of this marriage but the date of birth of none of them appears upon the town books. Their children were;

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT Bp. Aug.25,1754 who must have died soon after as;

CHILD II SAMUEL MERCHANT Bp.April 11,1756

CHILD III JOHN MERCHANT Bp.Dec.17,1758 No further information.

Descendents of Jabez and his wife,Mary Butman.

CHILD NO. 6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1731-) and ISABELLA DAY(1732-) Their last child as recorded;

CHILD IV CORNELIOUS MERCHANT Bp.Oct.19,1760

The child No.II Samuel (from previous page),son of Samuel and grandson of Jabez and Mary was apprenticed to a saddler in Ipswich.The indenture reads; --- "By an indenture dated Feb.27,1771,Daniel Wilton,David Griffin,Peter Coffin,John Low,and Samuel Whittemore,overseers of the poor of the town of Gloucester,in the county of Essex,'doth put and bind Samuel Merchant to be apprentice unto Nathaniel Smith,after the manner of an apprentice to dwell and serve from the day of the date hereof,for and during the full and first term of six years and forty-two days.And the said Smith to learn the said apprentice the trade,art or mastery of a saddler and to read,write and cypher as far as the rule of three XXX and provide him 'good and sufficient' meat and drink,washing and lodging, physic and apparel XXXX and at the end to dismiss him with two suits of apparel one of which to be new."

State House Records (Vol.15 page 91);Sam Merchant,private,under Capt.Parker, Col.Little, - Oct.8,1775 belonged to Ipswich,age 19 years,reported enlisted Aug. 1,1775,went to Quebec.Samuel Merchant,private,Capt.Gideon Parker,Col.Moses Little, muster roll dated Aug.1,1775 belonged to Ipswich.Also a Sam Merchant,Quartermaster ship Vengeance,enlisted June 27,1779,discharged Aug.27,1779,service two months, ship commanded by Thomas Thomas,expedition to Penobscot.

(R.D.M. Feb.1980) The private Sam Merchant above could be our cousin Sam. His age and Ipswich residence agrees,however his apprenticeship didn't expire until April 1777.Was he released or did he jump his bond? The quartermaster Samuel could be some other Samuel Merchant.

Returning to Cornelius Merchant (listed above).He was baptized at the Third Ch. Oct.19,1760.He married Nov.15,1783 Lydia Butman who was b.May 30,1765 and was dau. of Jonathan Butman and Hannah Griffin.We have no death dates or records of any children.On Nov.15,1787,Cornelius and wife Lydia recieved as an apprentice, Abraham Millett a poor child,son of Susanna Millett and John Millett,he deceased, he to stay with them eleven years,three months.He to be taught the mariner's art of navigation etc. etc. as the previous (listed above) indenture.Indenture to Cornelius Merchant 'mariner' and wife. (Note R.D.M. Feb.1980) This information on our cousin Cornelius Bp. Oct.1760 may belong to our Uncle Cornelius.Our ancestor Daniel Merchant (child No.1) had an eighth child Cornelius Bp.June 1761. We do not know which Cornelius married Lydia Butman.(see child No.8 in the Daniel Merchant chapter).Their ages were within a year of each other.
State Hous Notes Cornelius Merchant,under Capt.Mark Pool,Col.Jacob Gerrish, from Nov.12,1777 to Feb.3,1778,service on guard at Charlestown.

CHILD NO.7.JOHN MERCHANT Bp.July 15,1733 at the Third Church,b.July 11 1733. No death in Vit.Records.

CHILD NO.8.EUNICE MERCHANT Bp.Third Church Nov.23,1735,married Moses Swazey,int. Sept.20,1755.No date of death found in the Vital Records.

Descendents of Jabez and his wife,Mary Butman.

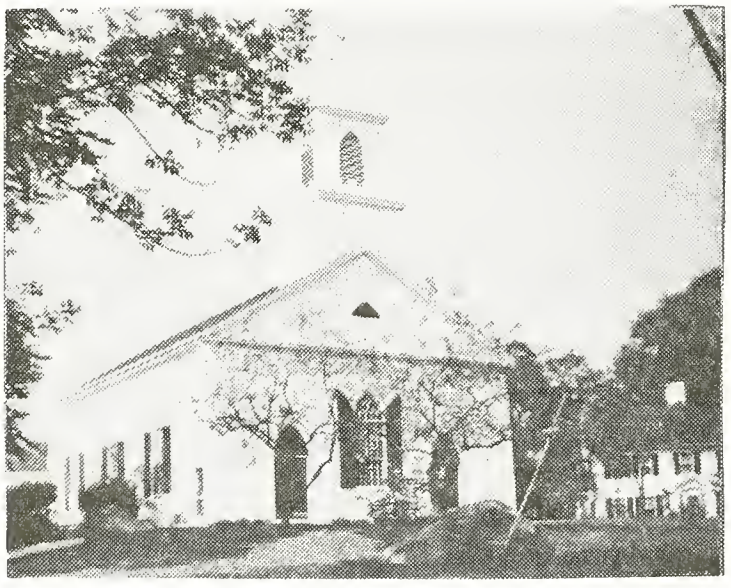
CHILD NO.9. LEMUEL MERCHANT Bp.Sept.25,1737.No death in Vital records.He m. Int.May 25,1758 to Sarah Lane,who was b.Sept.10,1735.G.E.M. writes;"probably dau. of Job and Mary Ashby,he youngest son of John Lane the first of the name on the Cape.He is the Lemuel I presume of whom the Rev.Samuel Chandler wrote in 1761 (II-26) under date of Oct.30; 'visited Lemuel Merchant in a consumption'. Possibly it may have been his widow who m.Aug.20,1769,Joseph Davis Jr.The records of the Third Church gives this m. as Mrs.Sarah Merchant." The records of the church give to Lemuel Merchant and Sarah Lane two children;

CHILD I SARAH MERCHANT Bp.May 13,1759

CHILD II LEMUEL MERCHANT Bp.May 3,1761

Of these two children no more is heard.

We end the history of the family of Jabez Merchant and Mary Butman and move to our ancester Daniel,their child No.1. First however we include an article on the Third Church which follows.



The Third Church

The first church building built in 1728 but was later taken down to make room for the present structure built in 1830.Jabez worshiped here and it is believed that he built the house on the right,probably in 1730.

THE THIRD CHURCH

As we know from existing records,Jabez Merchant appeared on the Cape soon after 1719,coming from Yarmouth,Mass.,and was married to Mary Butman on Jan.12, 1721 by the Rev.John White - probably at the First Church in downtown Glouces-ter.As the Butman family lived in the area (Lobster Cove) and Jabez had a grant of land there - record of this grant dated 1722,there is no doubt that Jabez lived here at this early date,built a house on the property and settled into this community,so here we begin with a brief account of the Third Church,for we have an historical connection with it.

The people at the northerly part of the Cape,called Annisquam,(people called Squammers)considered the need for a church of their own,as the road into Glou-cester was hilly,rocky,and often muddy during bad weather,was of considerable distence.Forty inhabitants at this end of town petitioned on Nov.11,1726,that they might have their own "Meeting House" but was not granted till Jan.24,1728, "that the inhabitants of Annisquam and those that live on the northerly side of the Cape, --- should be set off as a precinct by themselves,to maintain a gospel minister among them".

The head of Lobster Cove was considered a favorable spot and was so accepted by the majority to build the Meeting House here.The old Meeting House was some-what smaller and plainer than the second Meeting House which is standing still. The building,we are informed had "two tiers of windows and three doors".

The first meeting was held on July 8,1728 - a worship service or business meeting? - business was conducted.At a meeting July 29,1728 Benjamin Bradstreet of Newbury,was chosen to be their minister.

Rev.Benjamin Bradstreet was b.1705 in Newbury,son of Dr.Humphery Bradstreet (a physician) and Sarah Pierce.He graduated from Harvard College in 1725 and was ordained at Squam on Sept.18,1728 and preached until his death,34 years later.Bradstreet ministered to the needs of the parish members,presided over church services and did his best to maintain peace and good will in the commun-ity.It is quoted that he was "a man of great native powers,both physical and mental,much decision of character,strictly moral and conscientious".

In Jan.of 1741 through 1742 a great religious awakening came to Annisquam and Benjamin Bradstreet was a part of it.We include below some notes on the occasion and extracts from Bradstreets letter to the Clergy at Boston.

A revival broke out in the classroom of Moses Parsons in the public school at Annisquam.This incident became known as the "great awakening".It began with out intention or arangement but suddenly during the course of a school day.The excitement of the children was so intense that the usual school exercises had to be given up and the local minister,Rev.Benjamin Bradstreet had to be called in to help the schoolmaster and later preached a sermon about the experience. He even sent a letter in praise of the results in Squam to an assembly of ministers in Boston who were considering the effects of the "awakening".

"Tho I had laboured hard for it,yet I could never persuade young persons to

to form themselves into a society for the spending together the Sabbath evening in religious exercises,and now we have two societies of young persons who meet together twice in the week to read,sing,and pray. --- And some of them which were too much addicted to the youthful sins of quarreling,swearing.drinking etc. seem to be wondrefully reformed --- And I freely confess that I verily believe there has been of late,and now is,a blessed work of G-d going on in many parts of this land and Divine influence is the spring of it ".

The old Meeting House was struck by lightening on Oct. of 1755,however it was repaired and continued in use till it was taken down in 1830 to make room for the new.

In 1761 Bradstreets health began to fail him and having been on a journey to benifit him,on the return home became very ill at Danvers and died there,the 31 of May 1762 at the age of 58.

Jabez was alive and attended the church during this period of its history. We have a record that in 1757 he was elected "to take care of the meeting house and carry the contribution box and to take care of the pound for the Third Church".From this record we can conclude that he was an honest and an upright man,true to his namesake in the Biblical book of 1 Chronicles wherein his mother declared him "honorable". R.D.M. writes; "There is no doubt about Jabez and his son Daniel being of the established Puritan Church.There was no choice in those days,as church and goverment were one".There apparently was little change in the churches of Mass. until after the Revelutionary War period.

In 1804 there came to Squam to minister at the Third Church a man named Rev. Ezra Leonard.He was graduated from Brown University in 1801 and ordained at Squam on Dec.5,1804,came at the age of 30 and stayed till his death in 1832 at the age of 57.

Father Leonard,as he was called in later years, "was of even temper and tender heart" "was warm in his love of truth and zealous in his proclamation of it".He served as a medical doctor as well as a Pastor,had a medical degree.

He was both thinker and philosopher,searched for truth.It was in his searching that he found the doctrine of Universalism and adopted it in the year 1811. In his searching,he considered all arguments for and against the teaching - he said that he "put them all aside and began to search the Scriptures,prayerfully and attentively".Under Father Leonard,the Third Church became Universalist.It was most amassing that when Leonard revealed his new found faith to the Parish, that the people almost unanimously accepted the new doctrine.The historian Babson writes; "the truth is,a leaven of Universalism had long been in the Parish".

Leornard saw G-d revealed in the works of nature and providence,as a Being of eternal,changeless love,who had an impartial regard for all his creatures, and it seemed inconsistent for such a Being to torment his own offspring eternaly.Under Universalism,the church dropped the fundamentalist doctrines of Trinity,Election, and Endless Misery.

Leonard preached the last sermon in the old church,taken from Acts 7:49 "Heaven is my home and earth is my footstool.What house will you build me,

saith the L-rd,or what is the place of my rest?" This was on Aug.8,1830,the old church was then taken down.The frame of the new church was erected in two days,Sept.28-29.In 1831,the new Meeting House was finished and services continued.Shortly thereafter,on April 22,1832,Rev. Ezra Leonard passed away and was laid to rest at the parish burial ground on Washington Street,known later as Bay View Cemetery.Five years later,the congregation erected a sugar and marbel monument at his grave with this inscription;

> "He was humble,honest,kind,forgiving,meek,garcious,mild, and with all patience and affection,taught,rebuked,persuaded,solved,counseled,warned.A man of great benevolence and love,what he prospered,he could not his own but freely give of what he recieved,distributing to all the needy,the last mite beyond his own temporate support".

In 1931,average attendence at weekly services was 51 souls.In 1843,Sunday school attendence was 92 persons.

In 1953-55,the nature of the church changed,its conection with the Universalists were servered and was organized as a community church.

On July 8,1963,lightening struck the church,damaging the steeple,the balcony, and front entrence,but was repaired and continues till now.As stated before,the old church had been struck in 1755.

In 1978,average attendence was reported at 85.

The Third Church is today "a community church in which men and women of many faiths find fellowship as they worship G-d." The building today,this ediface,stands as a monument to faith,of those who keep the church going,of those who created it,and to those who worship therein,those of the present and those of the past.It is a monument to Jabez Merchant who "took care of the meeting house and carried the contribution box".

F.R.M.

THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION AND ITS CONSUMMATION

"then the L-rd G-d formed man
of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life;
and man became a living soul."

"So the L-rd G-d caused a deep sleep
to fall upon the man,
and while he slept took one of his ribs
and closed up its place with flesh;
and the rib which the L-rd G-d had taken from
the man
he made into a woman
and brought her to the man.
Then the man said,
'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.'
Therefore a man leaves his father
and his mother
and cleaves to his wife,
and they became one flesh."

Genesis 2:7,21-24

"Then he called his daughter Sarah,
and taking her by the hand
he gave her to Tobias
to be his wife,
saying,
'Here she is;
take her according to the law of Moses,
and take her with you to your father.'
"When the door was shut
and the two were alone,
Tobias got up from the bed
and said,
'Sister,get up,and let us pray
that the L-rd
may have mercy upon us.'
And Tobias began to pray,

'Blessed art thou,
O G-d of our fathers,
and blessed be thy holy and glorious
name for ever.
Let the heavens and all of thy creatures
bless thee.
Thou madest Adam
and gavest him Eve his wife
as a helper and support.
From them
the race of mankind has sprung.
Thou didst say,
'It is not good that the man
should be alone;
let us make a helper for him like himself.'
And now,O L-rd,
I am not taking this sister of mine
because of lust,
but with sincerity.
Grant that I may find mercy
and may grow old together with her.
And she said with him, "AMEN".

Tobit 7:13,8:4-8

Washington Street
"The road from the church to the burying ground"
(Daniel Merchant owned property here)

Bay View Cemetery
John Marchant is inscribed on the monument (1793-1823)
Rebecca (1782-1853) and Zacheus Lane buried nearby.

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--- DANIEL MERCHANT ---

"Thy way is in the sea,and thy path is in the great waters -"
Psalms 77:19

Daniel Merchant was b.Nov.18,1721,son of Jabez Merchant and Mary Butman,was baptized at the First Church,March 19,1722.He m.Nov.19,1744,Hannah Woodbury, dau.of Nathan Woodbury and Hannah Giddings.The record of her death is found in the Third Church records; "May 19,1779,Hannah,wife of Daniel Merchant,AE.56, of (Putrid Fever)."This places her birthdate about 1723.Of the date or cause of death of Daniel Merchant,we know nothing.He was alive in 1779 as shown from the record of the death of his wife,Hannah.It is possible that he was living as late as 1798,for a town list of taxpayers at that date gives in the Fourth Parish,one - Daniel Merchant,if living at this time he would be 77 years old.

(93-170) Salem Records; - Jonathan Norwood of Gloucester,yeoman,for L-350 old tenor,conveys to Daniel Marchant,of Gloucester,one-eighth acre,April 1,1748.

Jan.31,1775,in Constable James Norwood's list was abated a tax of 11s 6d against Daniel Merchant (3-388).In the same list (Parish list of 1798,not Norwoods list) Daniel Merchant is taxed for one dwelling house,two outhouses and two acres of land,the whole being valued at $275.

In several lists of those who were taxed in 1782 for the purpose of providing soldiers to go into the Continental Army,Daniel Merchant appears in Class 29,order of Major John Rowe,list of Constable Ambrose Jones,tax 0-15-0; in Class 27,Capt.John Woodbury,tax 5-10-0.In an account of those who did not pay in John Woodbury's class is a Daniel,tax 2-2-0.In John Gott's list Class 11, Daniel is again taxed 2-0-2.

(160-96) Salem Records; - Daniel Merchant of Gloucester,Mariner,for L-40 conveys to Joshua Marsh of Gloucester,Mariner,house near the head of Goose Cove in Gloucester,one-eighth acre under and around it.Oct.16,1795.

(163-77) Salem Records; - Daniel Merchant of Gloucester,fisherman,for $10. to Joseph Baker of Gloucester,Husbandman,one-half acre of upland in Annisquam parish in Gloucester,on the road from the church to the burying ground.Nov.16, 1797.

1798 - In a town list of taxpayers,Daniel is taxed for,L-28-2-0 and twenty-six acres of land,the several lots being valued at $175,$50,and $208 respectively.

In an undated list of taxable polles,which also includes the number of

persons in each family,gives to Daniel Merchant,one male under ten years of age,one under twenty-six,and one over forty-five,and one female under twenty-six.A Daniel Jr.,in the same list is credited with two males under ten years of age,one over forty-five,one female under ten,one under sixteen and one over forty-five.I am of the opinion that this list is about the year 1775, but certainly no later than 1780.

That our Daniel was not only a landed proprietor (in a small way) but a slave holder as well as shown by the baptism in the Third Church (382) May 18, 1755,of "PHILLIS" a negro servant of Daniel and Hannah Merchant.

Below written by F.R.M. July 1984;

In regards to "PHILLIS" ,the "servant of Daniel and Hannah Merchant". How and under what circumstances did Daniel acquire this servant? First we are aware that Daniel,being a mariner,when not out to sea,would out of necessity, be spending some amount of time around the waterfront.Not only fishing vessels but vessels from other world ports would be arriving and departing,transporting both cargo and passingers.Because of this fact,we may offer some speculation on the issue.

Although slaves were bought and sold during this period of our history,I doubt if Daniel had money in which to buy slaves.Perhaps Daniel barganed with some sea-captain over her liberty.Perhaps Phillis was a free negro and came to work for Daniel and Hannah.Perhaps Hannah had been ill and with the children to care for,needed assistence in the home and therefor acquired the services of a servant.Perhaps she was listed as a servant for legal reasons only.The facts are,Phillis became a member of this household and was baptized in the Third Church where all of this family were members.We conclude our examination with the following Scripture;

"If thou have a servant,let him be unto thee as thyself"

Ecclesiasticus 33:30

HANNAH WOODBURY - wife of Daniel

R.D.M. writes the following,Nov.29,1980,it tells us something about the ancestry of Hannah.We have already included her vital records and have nothing more on her.

The following is from G.E.M.'s records.Date of writting not known."Her father Nathan Woodbury,b.1691 at Beverly,was the son of Humphrey,b.Salem 1646,who m. Jan.8,1671 at Beverly,Ann Winder (Window) and appeared in Gloucester about 1677, when he purchased land on Biskie (now Rust's) Island of Joseph Clark.This Humphrey is supposed to be a third generation from John,who came from Somersetshire,England for the Dorchester adventures and was among the first English occupants of our territory.

Babson says of him (Humphrey Jr.) (II-89) "It is difficult to imagine the inducement by which this settler was led to exchange the fertile soil of Beverly for the rocky Island in Annisquam river where he seems to have spent the latter

half of a long life.Biskie,now called Rust's Island is mentioned in the early records,and grants on it were made soon after the settlement of the town;but nobody is known to have lived there before Humphrey Woodbury had his home upon it.An old cellar still to be seen there (1874) was once probably covered by his house."In 1686,the town voted "that the common upon Biskie Island be reserved to put the rams upon and to wean calfs if need be of Hannah Giddings."

Next page - Ancestry chart of Hannah Woodbury,then follow a group sheet on the children of Daniel and Hannah and any information on their children.

ANCESTRY of HANNAH WOODBURY
(wife of DANIEL MERCHANT)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Hannah Woodbury
b. Abt.1723
p.b. Gloucester
m. Nov.19,1744
d. May 19,1779
p.d. Gloucester

2 Nathan Woodbury (Father of No. 1)
b. 1691
p.b. Beverly
m. Dec.17,1712
d.
p.d

3 Hannah Giddings (Mother of No. 1)
b. Abt.1692
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 Humphrey Woodbury (Father of No. 2)
b. March 8,1646 Bp.
p.b. Salem,Mass.
m. Jan.8,1671
d. April 9,1727
p.d Gloucester

5 Ann Window (Mother of No. 2)
b. Abt.1654
p.b.
d. Feb.28,1725
p.d. Gloucester

6 Samuel Giddings (Father of No. 3)
b. 1645
p.b.
m.
d. Will proved 1706
p.d Ipswich,Mass.

7 Hannah Martin (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Daniel Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. Nov.18,1721
p.b. Gloucester
d. (Not known)
p.d. Gloucester

8 John Woodbury (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 Richard Window (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d. May 2,1665 (will made)
p.d Gloucester

11 Elinor (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 George Giddings (Father of No. 6)
b. 1608
p.b. St.Albans,Herefordshire
m. England/ m.1635
d. June 1,1676
p.d Ipswich,Mass.

13 Jane Tuttle (b.Lawrence) (Mother of No. 6)
b. Bp.Dec.18,1614
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 (Father of No. 8,)
b.
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8,)
b.
d.

18 (Father of No. 9,)
b.
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9,)
b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 10,)
b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10,)
b.
d.

22 (Father of No. 11,)
b.
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11,)
b.
d.

24 (Father of No. 12,)
b.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12,)
b.
d.

26 Thomas Lawrence (Father of No. 13,)
b. Bp.Feb.2,1588
m. Oct.23,1609
d. March 20,1624

27 Joane Antrobus (Mother of No. 13,)
b. June 25,1592
d.

28 (Father of No. 14,)
b.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14,)
b.
d.

30 (Father of No. 15,)
b.
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15,)
b.
d.

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Daniel Merchant	1721-?	Age ?

Wife

Hannah Woodbury	1723-1779	Age 56y.

This couple were married on Nov.19,1744 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.Daniel Merchant Jr.	1745-?	Age ?
2.Rebecca Merchant	1746-?	Age ?
3.Jabez Merchant	1749-1829	Age 79y.
4.William Merchant	1751-1802	Age 51y.
5.Hannah Merchant	1754-1840	Age 86y.
6.Mary Merchant	1756-1831	Age 75y.
7.Judith Merchant	1758-1772	Age 14y.
8.Cornelious Merchant	1761-?	Age ?
9.Eunice Merchant	1763-?	Age ?
10.John Merchant	1767-?	Age ?

Descendents of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1 DANIEL MERCHANT JR. b.Aug.6,1745,was baptized at the Third Church onAug.11,1745.There is no record of his death in the Vital Records.He married first on Nov.25,1769,at age 23 to Tammy Lane,who was b.May 3,1749,was baptized as "Thomasine" on May 7,1749,m.Daniel at age of 20y. and d.April 13,1780 at a little less than age 31y. of "consumption".Tammy was the dau. of David Lane and Abigail Lane who were m.Oct.31,1743.

His second marriage was to Experience Marsh,dau. of William Marsh and Experience Riggs,on May 2,1782 at age 36y.,she at age 24y. Experience Marsh was b.Dec.6,1757 (see 65-67-III) but if this is true,her death in the Vital Records,May 23,1822 "aged upwards of 80 years" shows quite an error.

We hereby include a list of taxes for the years 1797,1798,1799.

Squam(Annisquam)tax 1797 - Daniel Merchant	
Dwelling house,barn,garden,one cow,one swine -	$80.00
Wife's land not taxed,Joshua Marsh,taxed one half house.	
(R.D.M. Dec.4,1980) This is probably Daniel Jr. as he was married to Experience Marsh,Joshua Marsh perhaps was her grandfather.	
Squam tax 1798 - Capt.Daniel Merchant	
One dwelling,barn,garden,storehouse -	$180.00
Four acres,mowing,tillage -	100.00
Three cow rights -	81.00
Fifteen acres woodland -	60.00
Horse,swine -	52.00
Oxen,two cattle -	42.00
	$515.00
Squam tax 1799 - Daniel Merchant Jr.	
One house,barn,garden,small house -	$180.00
Four acres -	100.00
Three cow rights,being 15 acres -	81.00
Fifteen acres woodland -	60.00
One horse,two cows,swine -	52.00
Yoke of oxen,two young cattle -	40.00
	$513.00

An act to incorporate certain persons by the name of "The Independent Christian Church" in Gloucester,1792,includes the name of Daniel Merchant Jr., probably this Daniel as his son,(Daniel the third) would have been but twenty one years of age.(R.D.M. Dec.4,1980) We have records of several land transfers relative to Daniel Jr.,but will not list them here.

Next page we will show records of his children by his first wife,Tammy Lane and follow up with the children by his second wife,Experience Marsh.

Descendents of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

Child NO. 1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-)& TAMMY LANE(1749-1780)
Children from his first marriage,

CHILD I TAMMY MERCHANT Bp. at the Fifth Church Nov.4,1770,m.July 4,1792 Joseph York who was b.Nov.22,1769.He was a son of Joseph York,b.1742,who was a son of Thomas York,b.1713,who was a son of Richard York,who was a son of Samuel York, the first of the name in Gloucester.

(R.D.M. Dec.1,1980) G.E.M's records are difficult to decipher here.I find no records of children of the above Tammy and Joseph York.G.E.M. has two boxed in notations;the first is from the Vital Records "a Joseph York died in 1793".The second is a widow York who died in a workhouse in 1809 aged 39y.The name given is Jemima but the marriage date is the same as Tamm's.If the above two items apply to our cousin Tammy,it appears that her husband died a year after marriage and she died 17 years later at 39.

CHILD II DANIEL MERCHANT 3rd. b.1771 and d.1850,m.Oct.20,1798 Susannah Grover. She was Bp.May 18,1779 and d.Aug.7,1844 at age of 65y. of "consumption".She was dau. of Ebenezer Grover and Mary ---.G.E.M. "Otis Smith's record has death of Susannah Marchant died Dec.14,1844 at age 65 which agrees with above,but has Daniel Merchant 3rd.died June 13,1850 at age 77 which would have Daniel born in 1773.However Pool has "Daniel died 1850 age 79" which has him born in 1771." Their children were;

CHILD A DANIEL MERCHANT 4th. b.1800,m.Dec.8,1822 to Lydia Hale and d.1860. Lydia d.Feb.7,1835 at age of 35y. Daniel married second Ann Kitchen of Boston (Int.) Nov.5,1837.He had children from both wives but how many is not known, we find;

CHILD a DANIEL MERCHANT 5th. (from the first marriage) b.1823 and m.Dec. 29,1849 Mary E.Tarr.Daniel was age 26 and Mary was 23 at marriage.She was dau. of Zebulon Tarr and Sally ---.Daniel was a "freighter".

From his second marriage,we find;

CHILD b ELIZABETH BALLARD MERCHANT b.Feb.13,1841.

CHILD c WILLIAM B.MERCHANT b.March 29,1844.

CHILD B CHARLES MERCHANT b.May 23,1802 and d.Jan.1872 at age 69y.He m.Nov.22, 1828 (V.R. has Nov.16) Sophia Rider.She came from Cape Cod.Sophia d.June 30,1847 at age 42y.of "consumption".They begot;

CHILD a CHARLES MERCHANT JR. b.1831 and d.Aug.9,1883 at age 52y.7m. He m. ---- Roxanner Taylor who d.Nov.21,1904 at age 69y.27d.Charles was a fisherman.We find a dau.;

CHILD a 1 LAURIE ANNIE MERCHANT b.Aug.4,1857 and d.May 8,1886 at age 28y.9m.4d. She married George B.Gott.

CHILD b GEORGE FRIEND MERCHANT b.April 15,1840 and d.July 10,1842 of "canker rash" at age of 2y.2m.26d.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-) & TAMMY LANE(1749-1780)

CHILD II DANIEL MERCHANT 3rd.(1771-1850) & SUSANNAH GROVER(1779-1844)

CHILD B CHARLES MERCHANT(1802-1872) & SOPHIA RIDER(1805-1847)
Their third child;

CHILD c GEORGE MERCHANT b.May 29,1843.

CHILD d. SUSAN MERCHANT b.July 28,1845 and d.May 26,1846.

CHILD e (a daughter) b.May 17,1846 and d.May 27,1846 of "consumption" age 10 days.

Charles Merchant married second,Rhoda Hilton on Jan.6,1848.Rhoda was dau.of Moses Hilton and Rhoda ---.She was age 34 at marriage and he was 45y.of age. This was the second marriage for them both.Rhoda d.Feb.9,1849 at age 35y.of "Puerperal Peritonitis" at Folly Cove.This second marriage produced one child;

CHILD f RHODA MERCHANT b.Jan.27,1849.

CHILD C IRENE MERCHANT Bp.July 4,1810 at the Third Church.She m.Dec.16,1832 Joseph Gamage Jr. and d.Aug.19,1840 of "Consumption" at age of 30y.

CHILD D MARGARET MERCHANT Bp.Dec.2,1817 at the Third Church and d.Jan.15,1845 of "Consumption" at age of 28y. She m.May 23,1836-37 Joshua Riggs,son of Joshua Riggs and Thomasine Grover.

CHILD E MARY JANE MERCHANT b.1818 and d.May 3,1842 at age of 24y.of "Consumption" She m.Dec.25,1839 Nathaniel Riggs.Nathaniel married second Mrs.Abigail F. Merchant on Oct.30,1842,her third marriage.Her second marriage had been to Thomas Merchant who died in 1841.

CHILD III REBECCA MERCHANT Bp.Nov.28,1774 at the Third Church and m.Aug.27, 1796 Peter Woodbury.

CHILD IV ABIGAIL MERCHANT b.June 1,1777.

The second marriage of Daniel Merchant Jr.;
By Experience Marsh,(his second wife) Daniel had more children,how many more we do not know.G.E.M. thinks at least seven more. "R.D.M. has listed son Caleb only but I have found 6 more children listed in the Vital Records makeing the seven children as suspected by G.E.M. All seven of these children were baptized in the Third Church on the same date - June 6,1784.I do not find their ages and so must list them arbitrarily.Three of them were listed as twins in the Vital Records.I will number them continuing on from the children of Daniel's first marriage.F.R.M."

CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784 - more on him on next page.

CHILD VI LUCY MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-1850) & EXPERIENCE MARSH(1757-1822)
His seventh child and her third;

CHILD VII NANCY MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.In the V.R. we find a Nancy Merchant who married Andrew Riggs on Nov.28,1805,probably this is our Nancy.

CHILD VIII TIMITHY MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.

CHILD IX TRISTRAM MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.

CHILD X UNI MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.

CHILD XI WILLIAM DENNISON MERCHANT Bp.June 6,1784.

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We will now return to CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT from previous page.He was b. March 1784 and m.Dec.27,1805 Mary Grover who was dau. of Ebenezer Grover and Mary ---.She was a sister to susannah Grover who married Daniel Merchant the 3rd.The two half brothers married two whole sisters.Mary was 18 at marriage and Caleb was 21.Mary d.Sept.21,1866 at age of 79y.making her birth about 1787.Caleb d.Dec.5,1875 at age 91y.9m. We have some records on Caleb below from G.E.M.'s notes;

1808 - Caleb Merchant and others petitioned to have the road from Lane's Cove "on to the woods along by Capt.Lane's house" opened which had been in use for sixty years,but was now discontinued.
1812 - June 19,Li Bond cod boat "Sea Flower" 12 30/95 tons,Nathaniel Lane master,Caleb Merchant signed.
1816 - April 15, Li bond boat "Hope" 13 42/95 tons Caleb Merchant master.
1817 - Dec.31,bounty receipt,Schooner "Hope" 13 42/95 tons Caleb Merchant master $21.51.
1821 - Caleb Merchant was on the 4th Squam Parish School Committee and had one poll.
1823 - Caleb Merchant signed a petition that the road around the Cape be repaired.
Undated list of polls Caleb Merchant,Real $780.00,Personal $50.00,total $835.00. G.E.M. is of the opinion that the time of this list was about 1830-40.
1826 - March 27,Li cod Schooner "Pilgrim" 21 tons Caleb Merchant master,Epes Woodbury on bond.

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Caleb Merchant and his wife,Mary Grover,were buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery in Rockport,Lot 85.They begot the following children;

CHILD A CALEB MERCHANT JR. b.1808 more p.28

CHILD B NATHANIEL LOW MERCHANT b.Jan.23,1812 more p.28

CHILD C WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 20,1817 more p.29

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-1850) & EXPERIENCE MARSH(1757-1822)

CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT(1784-1875) & MARY GROVER(1787-1866)
Their fourth child;

CHILD D EBEN MERCHANT b.1824 and d.June 11,1845 age 21y.

CHILD E (an infant son) buried June 12,1826

CHILD F MARY A.MERCHANT b.1830 - no death date,m.Nov.28,1848 John Thompson of So.Berwick,Maine.He was son of James Thompson and Bridgit ---.He was a quarryman.John was 22 and Mary was 18 at marriage.We find one child buried in the Locust Grove Cemetery; (see p.412)

CHILD a ANNIE THOMPSON b.1857 and d.Aug.15,1878.

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We will now include some history on the children of Caleb and Mary,listed on the previous page;

CHILD A CALEB MERCHANT JR. b.1808 and d.Oct.1,1875 at age 67y.9m. He m. Dec.14,1831 Sally Goins (or Going) who was b.Sept.6,1808 and d.July 20,1896 at age 87y.10m.14d.

CHILD B NATHANIEL LOW MERCHANT b.Jan.23,1812 and d.Jan.23,1864 at Folly Cove of "Consumption".He was age 52y.He married Jane Sargent on Jan.13,1836. She was dau. of Samuel Sargent and Esther ---.She was b.1816 and d.March 14,1888 of "Cerebral Softening" at age Abt.72y.Nathaniel was a mariner.They begot;

CHILD a ALBERT MERCHANT b.Abt.1839 and d.July 30,1859.

CHILD b JULIA MARIA MERCHANT b.March 19,1842 and d.Sept.5,1861, age 19y.5m.16d.

CHILD c CALEB L.MERCHANT b.July 1,1845 and d.Feb.21,1916,age 70y.7m. 20d. of "Acute Dilatation of Heart".Caleb married Clara L.Munsey who was b. Sept.24,1848 and d.Dec.28,1924.They begot;

CHILD a 1 FRED A.MERCHANT b.June 14,1870 and d.July 16,1922 at age 52y.1m.2d. He married Martha Moore (no data).

CHILD a 2 (a daughter) who married W.E.Norwood and begot;

CHILD a 1 I RUSSELL NORWOOD

CHILD a 1 II ROY NORWOOD

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-1850) & EXPERIENCE MARSH(1757-1822)

CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT(1784-1875) & MARY GROVER(1787-1866)

CHILD B NATHANIEL L.MERCHANT(1812-1864) & JANE SARGENT(1816-1888)

CHILD c CALEB MERCHANT(1845-1916) & CLARA L.MUNSEY(1848-1924)

Caleb and Clara had CHILD a 1 FRED A.MERCHANT(on previous page). His obituary below;

DEATH OF FRED A.MARCHANT

Fred A.Marchant passed away at the residence of his mother Mrs.Clara L.Marchant,1064 Washington St.last evening after a lingering illness of about two months.

He was born in Rockport,June 14,1870,his parents being Caleb L.Marchant and Clara L.Munsey.He formerly resided in New York City and during the past two years,when he took up his residence in Lanesville with his mother,being employed as bricklayer foreman.He was a member of Amity Lodge,A.F. & A.M. of New York,and was held in high respect by all who knew him.

He is survived by his widow,Mrs.Martha (Moore) Marchant, his mother,Mrs.Clara Marchant,a sister,Mrs.W.E.Norwood,and two nephews,Russell and Roy Norwood of Rockport.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock,from the home of his mother,1064 Washington Street.

Times July 17,1922

CHILD C WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 20,1817 and d.May 6,1890, m.Dec.31, 1843 Cynthia M.Sargent who was b.Aug.7,1818 and d.Nov.6,1901,at age 83y.2m. 29d. William died of "Pleuro Pneumonia" and was age 73y.1m.17d. Both were buried at the Locust Grove Cemetery in Rockport.

William was a man of some prominence,well known and esteemed by those of his time.In public service he;

Served twice as Representive to the Legislature
A Slectman for several years
A member of the school commitee several years
A treasurer of the Universalist Church - Rockport
A member of several Lodges

He is noted in the various records as a fisherman,a fish-merchant,a farmer, and a coal & wood dealer.We quote from the book, "Town of Sandy Bay,Rockport, Mass."

"As anthracite coal became a more generaly accepted fuel source,Pigeon Cover's were furnished expeditiously by William Marchant,who in 1857 set up a coal & wood business opposite Breakwater Ave.which would warm the neighborhood for close to a century."

--- DANIEL MERCHANT ---

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-1850) & EXPERIENCE MARSH(1757-1822)

CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT(1784-1875) & MARY GROVER(1787-1866)

CHILD C WILLIAM MERCHANT(1817-1890) & CYNTHIA M.SARGENT(1818-1901)

"Although our cousin William was a most sucessful man in business and in public life,he was not so sucessful with his children.Our heart goes out to him and his wife as they beheld the death of two sons in their infancy and a third at the age of 16y.,all named William.His obituary states that a neice stayed in his home for several years and was like a daughter to them - we may assume that she was a comfort to them.F.R.M. May 27,1985" Their children below;

CHILD a WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 27,1843 and d.June 12,1843 at age 2m.15d.

CHILD b WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 28,1845 and d.1845.

CHILD c WILLIAM MERCHANT b.June 4,1847 and d.Nov.8,1863 at age 16y.

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM MARCHANT

Marchant - Pigeon Cove,May 6,1890,Mr.William Marchant,about 73 years.

Times,May 6,1890

PIGEON COVE

The death of Mr. William Marchant,which occurred at his late residence on Granite Street yesterday morning,has cast a gloom over the entire community.Not since the decease of the esteemed Ezra Eames Sr.,and John Story Jr. have we been called upon to mourn the loss of a more benevolent or upright man, for on all occasions where kindness was required,his liberality was such as to benifit all regardless of class or personal knowledge of those who were to recieve of his liberality.Mr. Marchant's age was seventy-three years,one month,and sixteen days,although owing to his youthful appearance and cheerful disposition he could be easily taken for many years younger.

He was born in Folly Cove,but has resided in this place for the past thirty two years,during which time he has filled most acceptably many officers of public trust.He served twice elected Representive to the Legislature,in the years 1870 and 1877;he was likewise Selectman for the years,1859,1860,1861, 1864,1865,1866,and 1867;he was also a member of the school committee several years.He was in a great measure the one who helped to have a Universalist Church built in this place,and held the office of treasurer of this society until his decease. He was also Past Master of Ashler Lodge of Masons of Rockport, and a member of William Ferson Chapter of Gloucester and Winslow Lewis Commandery of Salem also a member of the Wonasquam Tribe,Imp.Order of Red Men.

He leaves a widow,a most estimable lady who has the sympathy

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.1.DANIEL MERCHANT JR.(1745-1850) & EXPERIENCE MARSH(1757-1822)

CHILD V CALEB MERCHANT(1784-1875) & MARY GROVER(1787-1866)

CHILD C WILLIAM MERCHANT(1817-1890) & CYNTHIA M.SARGENT(1818-1901)

of her many friends here in this her hour of darkness when she has been called upon to part with one so good and kind.

His other relatives are his niece,Mrs.George W.Frost,who had been for years in the family as their daughter and now grieves for one who has been a most affectionate parent; also one sister,Mrs.John Thompson of So.Berwick,Maine,and four nephews,John J.,conductor of the Boston & Maine Railroad ,and Frank F. ,connected with the Eastern Road,and William A.Thompson,who is also a conductor on the Boston & Maine Railroad,and Master Fred Thompson.His sister,Mrs.John Thompson,and his nephew,William A.Thompson,are here in town, being present at his death,as was also Mr.Charles E.Todd of Everett,whose friendship dates back about eighteen years, quite a number of which Mr.Todd spent in his employ.

At one time Mr.Marchant pursued an extensive business as a liverery stable keeper,but of late years,his business has been confined to dealing in wood and coal.The immediate cause of his illness is not known as he seemed to be suffering from a number of ills,although up to five weeks ago,the time when he first took his bed,his health seemed to be generally good.Private funeral services will take place at 1:30 P.M. Thursday,and public services from the Universalist Church at 2,and will be conducted by Rev.E.I.Houghton of Rockport. Relatives and friends are invited.

OBITUARY OF CYNTHIA SARGENT,
WIFE OF WILLIAM MARCHANT

Marchant - In Pigeon Cove,Nov.6,Mrs.Cynthia,widow of William Marchant,83 yrs.3 mos.

Times.Nov.7,1901.

"I will give to them in my house, and within my walls,a place,and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall never parish."

Isaias 56:5

No further information on CHILD D,E,or F,and so we come to the end of the history of Daniel Merchant Jr. and his children.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.2.REBECCA MERCHANT b.Dec.21,1746 and was Bp.Dec.28,1746 at the Third Church.She m.Dec.24,1765 (1-298) William Tucker who was b.March 4,1745.William Tucker was son of William Tucker and Patience Riggs.William and Rebecca had one child recorded;

CHILD I WILLIAM TUCKER b.Oct.27,1766.

The death of Rebecca is not upon the records but the husband took to himself a second wife,in the person of Elizabeth Riggs,Aug.16,1773.William Tucker,the husband,was a son of William,b.May 22,1721,son of William b.May 11,1690,son of John Tucker,the first of the name in Gloucester who m.May 9,1681 Sarah Riggs. (R.D.M. Dec.4,1980) - We note the absence of death dates for Rebecca and her elder brother,Daniel.This can be explained by Babson's History in a footnote, bottem of page 185 and top of page 186,Quote - "Three small narrow books,two of which are thin,contain the births,deaths,and marriages to about 1735.To that date,these records show but few omissions;but after that time,very few deaths are recorded for more than a hundred years;and it is evident that many births are not entered."

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT b.April 25,1749 and m.Nov.25,1779 Rebecca Woodbury and d.Jan.9,1829 "aged nearly eighty".Rebecca Woodbury was b.1757 (perhaps), and d.Jan.20,1816.She probably was a dau. of Peter Woodbury and Betty Griffin who m.Nov.11,1754 and had a dau. named Rebecca b.between 1755 & 1757 and Bp. Sept.25,1757.

Babson says of Jabez "He was a soldier in the Revolution".His death notice in the Tel.Jan.17,1829 records him "a Pensioneer".

The marriage of Jabez Merchant and Rebecca Woodbury produced ten children which follow;

CHILD I MARY BEALE MERCHANT Bp.Aug.28,1780 and d.July 1,1787 age 7y.

CHILD II REBECCA MERCHANT b.Sept.10,1782. more - p.33

CHILD III SUSANNA MERCHANT b.May 29,1785. more - p.34

CHILD IV JABEZ MERCHANT b.Aug.11,1787 and d.April 6,1788.

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT b.April 20,1789. more - p.35

CHILD VI (Son) b.Jan.20,1792 and d.Jan.22,1792.

CHILD VII JOHN MERCHANT b.July 17,1793. more - p.61

CHILD VIII MARY BEALE MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1796. more - p.61

CHILD IX BETSY WOODBURY MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1799. more - p.62

CHILD X NATHANIEL MERCHANT Bp.Oct.27,1800.

This page typed from G.E.M.'s original records as follows;

Jabez Marchant - 1829

Probate Record ---

Jabez Marchant of Gloucester,a --- pensioner,d.Jan.9,1829,leaving no widow, and no son,and the following children;

James Gott Jr.
Betsy Gott
Rebecca Lane
Samuel Dennen
Caleb Haraden

(The above list of names as recorded by G.E.M.,given by S.Perley are a bit confusing,we find the following names of surviving daughters;

Betsy Woodbury,who married James Gott Jr.
Rebecca,who married Zacheus Lane
Mary Beal,who married Samuel Dennen
Susanna,who married Caleb Haraden)

Aaron Fitz of Gloucester,yeoman,was appointed administrator,Jan.29,1829.
Surities on his bond: Joseph Oariss - Nathan Roberts,both of Gloucester.
All personal estate - #35.00

State House Records

Jabez Merchant,Corporal under Capt.Dodge,Col.Jacob Gerrish (Baldwins) Reg. dated Chelsea (return) Oct.2,1775,belonged to Gloucester
Same - Corporal,Capt.Dodge,Col.Loammi,Baldwins Reg. in service July 31,1775.
Same - return of soldiers order in 1775.
Same - Nov.10,1775,as entitled to draw bounty coat.
Same - dated New York July 6,1776,as in service in May 1776.
Same - in April 1776
Same - dated Chelsea,Dec.27,1775,soldiers order payable to Lieut. Joseph Knight order for bounty coat.
Same - Sergeant,pay -----,Capt.Barnabus Dodge,Col.Baldwin 26th Reg. for service in June 1776,dated New York July 18,1776.
Same - list of men in Capt.Dodges Co. who have not been sworn,but who took the oath required by Congress,to be taken by the Mass.Army,dated Middlesex June 10, 1775.
Same - Corporal,Capt.Dodge,Col.Gerrish (Baldwins) Reg.Muster Roll dated Aug.1, 1775,enlisted May 30,1775 ---- 13 months,belonged to Gloucester.

Locust Grove Cemetery
William Marchant on left (1817-1890) His father
Caleb Marchant and others in this family
also here.

Locust Grove Cemetery
Horace M.Marchant (1848-1911)
He never married - was a fisherman

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

Nothing further on CHILD I MARY BEALE MERCHANT so will continue with;

CHILD II REBECCA MERCHANT b.Sept.10,1782,Bp.Oct.21,1782, m.Dec.8,1805 Zacheus Lane.She d.Jan.18,1853 having passed the allotted three score years and ten.The husband,Zacheus Lane was b.June 7,1769 the son of Caleb Lane and Lydia Riggs.He d.May 2,1820 "aged 48" V.R. On page 457 of the church records we find; "Zacheus Lane buried May 4,1820,who had a singular disorder.Dr.Isaac B.Hovey opened him after he died and found that the outlet of his stomach grown up and become (draliced - ? word illegible).He had nothing pass his body except urine for nearly five weeks." This couple begot the following children;

CHILD A REBECCA LANE b.April 22,1807 and d.July 26,1819 age 12y.3m.4d.

CHILD B CAROLINE LANE b.Nov.29,1809 Bp.May 1810.

CHILD C CYRUS LANE b.June 8,1812.

CHILD D SUSAN MERCHANT LANE b.Oct.21,1814.Married Gerald Waldon and died Aug.7,1854 age 39y. of "Consumption".

CHILD E BETSEY MERCHANT LANE b.July 26,1817,married Ezekiel Chard and d.Aug.12,1889.

OBITUARY OF BETSEY MERCHANT LANE
WIFE OF EZEKIEL CHARD

The last sad services which earthly love can pay to its dead were held at the late home of Mrs.Ezekiel Chard,who died Monday morning after a painful illness of many months,aged 72 years.Three score and ten,says Holy Writ,are the years of a man's life,and our friend lived them all.Years of varied experience as comes to us all;and quietly and patiently she bore her woman's lot;now from out the home she has loved so well, she has gone to that house of many mansions,whose foundations are eternal life.The sympathy of all is given to the family in their sorrow and loneliness.

Mrs.Betsey M.Chard,wife of Mr.Ezekiel Chard,died at her home,53 Leonard Street,Annisquam yesterday,after a long and painful illness of that dread disease consumption,at the advanced age of 72 years.She was born in this city being the daughter of Zakias and Rebecca Merchant Lane.She had a family of three children,all girls,who together with her husband, survive her.Being a member of the Annisquam Universalist Church she took a deep interest in its workings.Of a mild,loving,and agreable disposition she was beloved by all who knew her.During her illness she manifested the greatest patience and fortitude and when the end came she met it with the same cheerful spirit without feeling any fear./ She was interred at Mt.Adnah Cemetery.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD II REBECCA MERCHANT (continued)

After her death on Jan.18,1853 she was taken to the Bay View Cemetery for burial where her husband had preseeded her in 1820.The epitaph on her stone is here noted;

The casket lies beneath the sod
The gem it held has gone to G-d.
Death's messanger by him was sent
To carry back the treasure lent.
Afflicted friends great is ones loss
But G-d your path has wisely crossed.
He only took what was his own.
Then you should say
Thy will be done.

CHILD III SUSANNA MERCHANT b.May 29,1785,m.Dec.2,1818 Caleb Harraden. No death date in the V.R. They begot the following children;

CHILD A (a son) b.April 25,1820.

CHILD B MARTHA ELIZABETH HARRADEN (twin) b.Aug.24,1824.

CHILD C SIMEON HARRADEN (twin) b.Aug.24,1824. d.Dec.10,1891.(obit.below)

CHILD D SUSANNAH HARRADEN b.Dec.26,1826.

CHILD E SUSANNAH HARRADEN b.Jan.2,1829.

MR.SIMON HARRADEN

Simon Harraden,a well-known citizen,died quite suddenly Sunday morning.He had recieved two shocks of paralysis,but was up and about Saturday,but recieved the third shock which resulted fatally.He was in his 68th year.

Mr.Harraden comes of two old Gloucester families,his father being Caleb Harraden and his mother Susan Marchant.He was by trade a mason,and a man of industrious habits,quiet and unostentatious disposition,honorable and upright in his dealings with his fellow man.He leaves a widow and one son,George E.,who with many friends will sincerely mourn the decease of a worthy man and esteemed citizen.

The burial services will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock,from his late residence No.90 Prospect Street,Rev. Mr.Mansfield officiating.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

Of the children of the above couple,we have covered Child I,II, and III. Child IV and VI there is nothing to add so will cover the history of Child V and descendants which will take several pages and then shall return to child VII. We will commense with

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT b.April 20,1789 m.Dec.1811 Martha Herrin.He d.1820. He had a son,Solomon who d.June 25,1820 and they both were buried in the same coffin,according to records of the Third Church.This Jabez served in the war of 1812.There is no record of the birth of Martha Herrin in the V.R. and we do not know who her parents were.Martha married second on Dec.5,1826 to James Lane. She d.Abt.1875.Jabez and Martha begot the following children;

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT b.Sept.20,1813 more - Below

CHILD B THOMAS MERCHANT b.1815 more - p.54

CHILD C MARTHA ANN MERCHANT b.Sept.15,1816 more - p.54

CHILD D HORATIO GATES MERCHANT b.1817 more - p.55

CHILD E SOLOMON MERCHANT b.1820(probably) d.June 25,1820 in infancy and was buried in the same coffin with his father.

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CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT b.Sept.20,1813 d.Sept.2,1895 Aged almost 82y.he m.Jan.17,1836 Bulah Cleveland Parsons dau. of Jeffrey Parsons and Betsy Burns. Bulah was b.June 12,1815 and d.May 7,1905 Aged almost 90y.Jabez was a fisherman. Jabez and Bulah had eleven children;

CHILD a BULAH ANN MERCHANT b.Oct.15,1836 and d.Dec.14,1875.She married April 14,1858 (10.51) Gilbert Stevens,son of Gilbert Stevens and Argelia Morgan. They had seven children.

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT b.Oct.24,1838 more - p.37

CHILD c THOMAS MERCHANT b.Aug.8,1840 and d.1841

CHILD d MARY ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1842 more - p.47

CHILD e JOHN MERCHANT b.March 28,1845 more - p.48

CHILD f JAMES LANE MERCHANT b.Aug.28,1847 more - p.50

CHILD g WILLIAM HENRY MERCHANT b.Feb.11,1850 and d.Sept.2,1921 (unmarried) died of "Liver Cancer". still more - p.52

CHILD h ELLA FLORENCE MERCHANT b.April 6,1853 more - p.53

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(- d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

their 9th child;

CHILD i HORATIO GATES MERCHANT b.June 13,1855 d.1931

CHILD j CLEVELAND PARSONS MERCHANT b.Aug.30,1857 more - p.53

CHILD k LENETT MERCHANT b.Aug.5,1860 and d.Sept.15,1861

We have an obituary from the Times on Jabez Merchant above - Sept.4,1895;

"Died in the Parson Leonard house,near the head of Lobster Cove,for more than four score years the name has been worthily born by the deceased.In early life and until incapacitated by age he followed fishing sucessfuly.He was a man of intelligence and probity.He married in Jan.1838 Beulah C. Parsons of Rockport."

Times Sept.5 correspondent --- died after a lingering illness. His daughter Mrs Oliver Sargent and John Merchant reside at Chelsea.Mrs.Ella Lane in Salem and the rest in this city. "Children and grandchildren have aided and helped to smooth the last hours,when disease caused loss of power both mental and physical.The widow and family have the sympathy of the entire community."

Times - Sept.3,1895 Died Sept.2 Jabez Merchant 81y.11m.13d.

His body removed to Mt.Adnah Cemetery for burial.

BULAH C.PARSONS WIFE OF
JABEZ MERCHANT

Mrs.Bulah Marchant passed away on Sunday morning about 9 o'clock,at her home,150 Leonard St.Annisquam,at the age of 89 years,10 months,25 days.She had been troubled with a fractured hip that she recieved last year,which has obliged her to keep her bed,and which with old age was the cause of her death.She was the widow of Jabez Marchant,who died nearly ten years ago. She was born in Rockport,and was the youngest daughter of the late Jeffery and Betsy (Burns) Parsons.She was a devoted and lifelong Methodist of the old genuine stamp,and was the last one of a large family of children.She is survived by six sons, Jabez,James L,John A,William H,Horatio G,and Cleveland P. Marchant,and one daughter,Mrs.Oliver W.Sargent of Chelsea and also leaves 38 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren and

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CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

other relatives to mourn her loss.
Her funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from her late residence,at which Rev.M.Emory Wright of the Bay View M.E.Church will officiate.Interment will be at Mt. Adnah Cemetery,and will be in charge of Undertaker E.W. Harriman.

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We have listed the children of Jabez and Bulah Parsons and will resume their history,nothing more on child a Bulah Ann Merchant so will proceed to;

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT b.Oct.24,1838 and d.July 9,1907.m.Nov.26,1862 (10-96) Lucy Roberts Sargent dau. of Andrew Sargent and Martha Thurston.Lucy was a widow of Cyrus Lane so her full name now became Lucy Roberts Sargent Lane Merchant.Lucy was b.Oct.9,1840 and d.July 26,1905.She was buried at Bay View and her husband was buried at Mt.Adnah.

War record of Jabez Merchant b.Glou. Oct.24,1838,enlisted Aug.4,1863, mustered in Oct.20,1863.private three years.35th Heavy Artillery Co.G. He was son of Jabez and Beulah C.Parsons,promoted to corparal.Discharged Galop's Island Sept.18,1865,for muster 7 Reg: War having terminated. Discharge date at Washington.His own evidence --- City Hall Record.

Jabez and Lucy Sargent begot 9 children which follow;

CHILD b 1 JABEZ SYDNEY MERCHANT b.Sept.25,1863 more - p.38

CHILD b 2 BLANCH MERCHANT b.Aug.24,1866 and d.Nov.15,1870

CHILD b 3 KILBY SARGENT MERCHANT b.Oct.4,1868 more - p.43

CHILD b 4 HENRY STONE MERCHANT b.July 18,1872 more - p.45

CHILD b 5 GRACE A MERCHANT b.Feb.14,1875 and d.March 7,1875

CHILD b 6 RUTHERFORD HAYES MERCHANT b.Feb.7,1877 more - p.45

CHILD b 7 JONAS HARROD MERCHANT b.Sept.18,1881 was alive Nov.15,1928

CHILD b 8 ANDREW THURSTON MERCHANT b.Feb.18,1884 more - p.46

CHILD b 9 NELLIE GRACE MERCHANT b.March 14,1887 more - p.46

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(-d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

The obituary of their second child Jabez Merchant who was b.Oct.24,1838;

LIFE - SAVER 23 YEARS

JABEZ MARCHANT OF BAY VIEW DIES AFTER LONG SERVICE

WAS VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR
SERVING IN HEAVY ARTILLERY

Capt.Jabez Marchant,one of the best known citizens of ward seven,passed away at his home on Washington Street,Bay View, yesterday in the 69th year of his age.He had been in failing health for some time,the last illness being of about three months duration.

The deceased was born at Annisquam,descending from two of Gloucester's oldest families,his parents being Jabez and Beulah C.Parsons Marchant.

He answered his country's call in the Civil War,being mustered in Co.G.,3rd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery Oct.20,1863, for three years,promoted to corporal,and recieved his discharge Sept.1,1865.

He was a lover of the sea,and when a young man was commander of the old ocean yacht racing schooner,America,owned by the late Gen.Benj.F.Butler,who resided at Bay View in the summer.

For 23 years Capt.Marchant served faithfully at the head of the United States Life Saving station at Davis Neck,Bay View, retiring when ill health compelled with an excellent record. He was brave and daring,and was always willing to respond to a call for help at sea,even at the risk of his own life.During his connection with the life-saving service,he made many friends among those who frequented the water.

He was a man of good character,honest and upright in all his his dealings,and had a host of friends and acquaintances who will regret to learn of his death.

He married Mrs.Lucy Roberts Sargent Lane of Annisquam,who died July 26,1905,and he is survived by six sons,Jabez S., Kilby S.,Henry S.,Rutherford H.,Jonas H.,and Andrew G.Marchant, a daughter,Miss Nellie G.Marchant,and five brothers,John A., Horatio G.,William H.,Cleveland P.,and James Marchant,all of Annisquam,and a sister,Lizzie,wife of Oliver W.Sargent,of Chelsea.

He was a member of Col.Allen Post.G. A. R.

The funeral will take place from his late home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(-d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

The funeral of their second child Jabez Merchant who was b.Oct.24,1838;

FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Capt.Jabez Marchant was held at his late home at Bay View yesterday afternoon.Rev.M.Emory Wright, the officiating clergyman,read the funeral service and offered prayer,and a quartetet consisting of Mrs.Lizzie Nicklin,Mrs. Ada Shaw,Alphonso Sargent and Francis Ginns rendered "Shall we Meet Beyond the River" and"Beautiful Valley of Eden" all of the local relatives were present,and there was a delagation from the city proper,and numerous friends and neighbors,besides a delegation of over 30 members of Co.Allen Post 45,G.A.R., of which he was a member.

Among those who attendid from out of town were Mr.and Mrs. Oliver W.Sargent of Chelsea,Mrs.Fred Sargent of Cambridge and Mrs.Fred Endicott of Chelsea.

There were many beautiful floral tributes from relatives, Grand Army comrades,and other friends.

The funeral was in charge of E.W.Harriman and interment was made in Mt.Adnah Cemetery.

The pall bearers who were Grand Army comrades,were Messrs. Nathaniel Sprague,Edward Gorden,Joseph Kimball,Burt Emerson, George B.Morgan and Joseph A Stackpole.

Mt.Adnah Cem.
Jabez Marchant
(1813-1895)

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

Following is the history of their first child;

CHILD b 1 JABEZ SYDNEY MERCHANT b.Sept.25,1863 m.Sept.3,1889 Elizabeth McNaughton dau. of Andrew McNaughton and Barbara Adams.She was born in Scotland in 1869,we have no death date on her nor on Jabez,however he was living in July 1907,this noted in his father's obituary.Elizabeth was age 20 at marriage,Jabez was age 25.They begot the following children;

CHILD b 1 I BLANCH MERCHANT b.May 14,1891 and d.Feb.13,1892 aged 9 months.

CHILD b 1 II NETTIE MERCHANT b.1893 m.Jan.18,1913 at age 20 to John T.Allen who was b.1889,age 24 at marriage.He was son of Leonard F.Allen and Lizzie T.Hodgkins.Nettie d.1966 and was buried at Mt.Adnah Cemetery.

CHILD b 1 III SIDNEY GARDNER MERCHANT b.Sept.24,1895 (no death date) m.April 15,1922 to Helen H.Walker,age 23,and who was the dau. of Fred G. Walker and Clara Tucker.

CHILD b 1 IV THOMAS ROGERS MERCHANT b.Feb.11,1898

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM HENRY MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1900 more below

CHILD b 1 VI PERCY ADAMS MERCHANT b.June 29,1904

CHILD b 1 VII STANLEY SARGENT MERCHANT b.Nov.19,1906 and d.1968.

A note on Jabez S. (b.1863) R.D.M. on Dec.7,1980 writes; "Jabez Sydney Merchant was the fifth in a chain of Jabez Merchants.He had five sons and named not one Jabez.Daniel Merchant's father was also Jabez."

The following information on William H Merchant (above) b.1900,was added May 1985 in the process of updating the records - by F.R.M.

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM HENRY MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1900 m.--- Mary B. Baldwin,dau. of --- who was b.1896 and d.1968 at age of about 72y.William is listed on his death certificate as a (Highway Mason).He d.Dec.20,1944 of "Pulmonary Tuberculosis" at Middleton,Mass.,at age 44y.2m.3d.Both were buried in the Mt.Adnah Cemetery,Annisquam.We find the following children living in 1985,we do not know their dates of birth so will list them arbritrarily;

CHILD b 1 V A JOHN S.MERCHANT b.May 28,1926 more - p.39

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(-d.Abt.1875)

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CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

CHILD b 1 JABEZ S.MERCHANT(1863-) & ELIZABETH MCNAUGHTON(1869-)

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM H.MERCHANT(1900-1944) & MARY B.BALDWIN(1896-1968)

Children of William and Mary B.Baldwin continued;

CHILD b 1 V B WILLIAM H.MERCHANT (has a son,William Jr.)

CHILD b 1 V C GILBERT B.MERCHANT

CHILD b 1 V D ELIZABETH MERCHANT M. George Berg

CHILD b 1 V E GEORGINER MERCHANT M. Grace

CHILD b 1 V F NANCY MERCHANT M. Donigian,lives in Methuen.

OBITUARY OF WILLIAM H.MARCHANT

William H.Marchant,44 years,husband of Mrs.Mary (Baldwin) Marchant of 947 Washington Street,died yesterday at Middleton. He had been in poor health the past year and a half.

Mr.Marchant was born in this city,the son of Jabez S. Marchant and Elizabeth (McNaughton) Marchant.He was employed 15 years by the local highway department as a highway mason. Before that,he was a foreman at the Rockport Granite Company.

In addition to his wife,he is survived by three sons,John S., seaman 2c of the Navy in the Southwest Pacific;William J., and Gilbert B.Marchant,three daughters,Elizabeth M.,Nancy M.,and Georgina A.Marchant;three brothers,Stanly S.Marchant,Percy A., and Thomas R.Marchant;a half brother,John A.McNaughton and a sister,Mrs.Nettie,widow of John Allen.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the W.S.Pike Memorial Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,with interment in Mt.Adnah Cemetery.

Gloucester Daily Times Dec.21,1944

Of the children of William and Mary B.Baldwin we have but little information, and that on their first child;

CHILD b 1 V A JOHN S.MERCHANT b.May 28,1926 m.--- Nancy L. Miller,dau. of ---,d.April 29,1985 from an "Heart Attack" and was buried at

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

CHILD b 1 JABEZ S.MERCHANT(1863-) & E.MCNAUGHTON(1869-)

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM H.MERCHANT(1900-1944) & MARY B.BALDWIN(1896-1968)

History of their first child,John S.Merchant,continued;

the Beechbrook Cemetery.He was age of 58y.11m.1d.

We note with interest from his obituary that he was a member of the Lanesville Congregational Church,also served as "Sexton".Worked for the Department of Public Works for 38 years.Additional information found in his obituary which follows.John S.Merchant and Nancy Miller begot the following children,living in May of 1985;

CHILD b 1 V A a JOHN S.MERCHANT JR. b.Abt.1954 more- p.42

CHILD b 1 V A b JAMES J.MERCHANT more- p.42

CHILD b 1 V A c ANTHONY P.MERCHANT

(see p.412) - CHILD b 1 V A d MARY E.MERCHANT M.Conrad,lives in Pa.

CHILD b 1 V A e DEBORAH L.MERCHANT M.Souza

CHILD b 1 V A f JANE P.MERCHANT

OBITUARY OF JOHN S.MARCHANT

MARCHANT - In Gloucester,April 29,1985,suddenly,John S.Marchant 58,husband of Nancy L.Miller Marchant,of 30 Quarry St.Bayview. Memorial funeral service in Lanesville Congregational Church Saturday at 2 p.m.Burial in Beechbrook Cemetery.

John S.Marchant,58,husband of Nancy L.Miller Marchant,of 30 Quarry St.Bayview,was pronounced dead at the Addison Gilbert Hospital,yesterday afternoon,after a heart attack.He was born in Gloucester on May 28,1926,the son of William H.Marchant and Mary Baldwin Marchant.

Mr Marchant was employed by the City of Gloucester in the Department of Public Works,where he served in all departments, retireing after 38 years of service to the city,in July of 1984. He was a 2nd class petty officer,boatswain mate in the United States Navy,in the South Pacific during the war.He was a member of the Lanesville Congregational Church and sexton of the church, a member of the Rockport American Legion Post No.98,Massachusetts

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD b 1 JABEZ S.MERCHANT(1863-) & E.MCNAUGHTON(1869-)

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM MERCHANT(1900-1944) & MARY B.BALDWIN(1896-1968)

History of their first child,John S.Merchant,his obituary continued;

Tree Wardens Association,and was a deputy tree warden for the City of Gloucester.

He is survived by his wife,Nancy;three sons,John S.Marchant Jr., James J.Marchant,and Anthony P.Marchant,all of Gloucester;three daughters,Mary E.Conrad,of Millerstown,Pa.,Deborah L.Souza and Jane P.Marchant,both of Gloucester;six grandchildren;two brothers, William H.Marchant and Gilbert B.Marchant,both of Gloucester; three sisters,Elizabeth Berg,and Georgina Grace of Gloucester; and Nancy Donigian of Methuen;several nieces and nephews;two daughters in law,Ann and Terry,and a son in law,Eric;and his mother in law,Salina A.Miller.

A memorial funeral service will be held in the Lanesville Congregational Church on Saturday at 2 p.m.Burial will be in Beechbrook Cemetery.There will be no public visiting hours.

Burial was in Beechbrook Cemetery,where a committal service was conducted by the Rev.Gorden Hugenberger,pastor of the Lanesville Congregational Church.

Pallbearers were John S.Marchant Jr.,Anthony P.Marchant, James J.Marchant,all sons;and William H.Marchant,a brother, and William H.Marchant Jr.,a nephew,also a brother in law, George Berg.

A memorial funeral service for John S.Marchant,58,husband of Nancy L.Miller Marchant,of 30 Quarry St.Bayview,was Saturday afternoon in the Lanesville Congregational Church at 2 p.m. The Rev.Gorden Hugenberger,pastor,officiated,assisted by the Rev.Christine K.Elliott,pastor of the Riverdale and Wesley United Methodist Churches of Gloucester.The organist was Vera Cheves.

The church was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends,including many fellow workers of the Gloucester Department of Public Works,a delegation from the Rockport American Legion Post No.98,and the Americian Legion Auxiliary.The congregation sang "In the Garden" and "How Great Thou Art".

Burial was in Beechbrook Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

(Clippings from the Times)

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

CHILD b 1 JABEZ S.MERCHANT(1863-) & E.MCNAUGHTON(1869-)

CHILD b 1 V WILLIAM MERCHANT(1900-1944) & MARY B.BALDWIN(1896-1968)

CHILD b 1 V A JOHN S.MERCHANT(1926-1985) & NANCY L.MILLER(--)

A little information on their first 2 children collected from the Times;

CHILD b 1 V A a JOHN S.MERCHANT JR. b.Abt.1954 --- A newspaper clipping dated April 26,1985 tells of a law-suit because of injuries he had recieved in a truck-tire accident while at his work.

> A lawyer for John S.Marchant,31,of 45 Beacon Street,filed suit against Dayton Tire and Rubber Co.in Salem Superior Court last week.
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> The suit alleges the "Dayton super highway" model tire was negligently designed and manufactured by Dayton Tire and Rubber Co.,which is a subsidiary of the Firestone Tire Co.
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> As a result of design and manufacture deficiencies,according to the suit,the tire exploded as Marchant was inflating it with an air hose while working for J.&P. Trucking Co.,37 Rogers St.
>
> Joseph Papetti of the law firm Orlando and White said the explosion threw Marchant "across the building and caused a severe injury to his wrist and a back injury".
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> Papetti said Marchant was hospitalized for a couple of days at the Addison Gilbert Hospital and later underwent surgery to have his fractured wrist fused.
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> Papetti said Marchant was out of work for more than 2 years. He said Marchant,who works part-time at J.&P. Trucking,is unable to work full-time because of his injuries. --------

CHILD b 1 V A b JAMES J.MERCHANT (no data) m.---Theresa Manninen dau. of Richard E.Manninen and Miriam Small.We note 2 children;

CHILD b 1 V A b 1 ALICIA MERCHANT b.1983

CHILD b 1 V A b 2 KIMBERLY ANN MERCHANT b.April 30,1985

We have covered the history of Jabez S.Merchant and his descendants and inscribed what information that was avaible.He was the first child of Jabez and Lucy Sargent,we will continue on the following page with their third child.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

Their first child,Jabez S.Merchant was covered on previous pages,their second child was child b 2 Blanch Merchant who d.Nov.15,1870 and is recorded on page 37.No further information so will continue with;

CHILD b 3 KILBY SARGENT MERCHANT b.Oct.4,1868 and d.Nov.15,1928, (died of a stroke).He m.Dec.7,1895 Catherin Sullivan,dau. of Jeremiah Sullivan and Catherin O'Connor.Catherin was b.Abt.1858 (gravestone has 1863) (age 71 at her death Jan.30,1929).This couple had no children.Their obituaries follow;

HIGHWAY FOREMAN DIED SUDDENLY

Kilby S.Marchant,60 years,for some 40 years employed as foreman in the city highway department,passed away suddenly at an early hour this morning at his home,947 Washington St., Bay View,death resulting from a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was born in this city,being the son of Jabez Marchant and Lucy sargent Marchant.The deceased was a member of Cape Ann Lodge Loyal Order of the Moose and of Gloucester B.P.O. Elks.

DEATH OF KILBY SARGENT MARCHANT

Kilby Sargent Marchant who passed away early yesterday morning from a cerebral hemorrhage at his home,947 Washington,Street, at the age of 60 years,was the son of the late Jabez and Lucy R. Sargent Marchant of Bay View.He was born and spent all his life here where he was known and highly respected.He was married to Catherin Sullivan by whom he is survived.There are no children. Mr.Marchant was a foreman on the Gloucester highway department for the past 40 years.

He was a member of the Gloucester Lodge of Elkes,Loyal Order of the Moose,Firemans Relief Association and the Bay View Brotherhood.

Besides his widow he leaves four brothers,Jabez S.Marchant of Bay View,Jonas H.Marchant,Andrew T.Marchant,Rutherford H.Marchant, and a sister,Mrs.Ellen Brodie,wife of Frederick M.Brodie of Amsterdam,N.Y.,and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral services for Kilby Sargent Marchant were held at his late home,947 Washington Street,Bay View,Saturday afternoon.Besides sorrowing relatives and friends,and municipal

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

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CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

The obituary of their third child Kilby S.Merchant continued;

authorities,delegations were in attendance from the highway department,Gloucester Firemans Relief Association,Gloucester Lodge of Elks,Cape Ann Lodge of Moose and Bay View Brotherhood of which the deceased was a member.The services at the home were conducted by Rev.Fred C.Williams,pastor of the Bay View Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Elks and Moose conducted services at the home Friday evening.Interment was at Mt.Adnah Cemetery,Annisquam,the pall bearers being nephews of the deceased,Robert Brodie,Frederick Brodie Jr.,Samuel Marchant,Percy Marchant,William Marchant, Sidney Marchant Jr. (Nov.19,1928)

DEATH WAS SOON AFTER HUSBANDS

Following her husband by three months,Mrs.Catherin (Sullivan) widow of Kilby S.Marchant passed away last evening at her home, 947 Washington Street,Bay View,at the age of 71 years,after having been in failing health for the past few years,but stricken with her fatal illness only about two weeks ago.

She was born in Brookline,being the daughter of Jeremiah and Catherine (O'Connor) Sullivan.The deceased had resided in Rockport and Salem before taking up her home in Bay View where she had lived for some 33 years past.

She leaves a niece,Miss Mary McCaffery who made her home with her aunt.The deceased was a faithful attendant at St.Joachim's Church,Rockport. (Jan.31,1929)

MRS.CATHERINE MARCHANT

The funeral of Mrs.Catherine Marchant was held at Sacred Heart Church,Lanesville,this morning at 9 o'clock,a requiem high mass being celebrated by Rev.John S.McKenna,the pastor.Interment was at Mt.Adnah Cemetery,Annisquam,the pall bearers being William Marchant,Frederick Brodie of Amsterdam,N.Y.,Thomas Whearty,James Shea and John Shea.

GLOUCESTER- Catherine Marchant,Gloucester,conveys to Nellie G. Brodie,wife of Fred M.Brodie,of Amsterdam,N.Y.,land and buildings, Washington Street,50 by 85 feet. (Feb.1,1929)

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHE HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

Their fourth child;

CHILD b 4 HENRY STONE MERCHANT b.July 18,1872 and d.Aug.8,1927. (never married) His obituary follows;

HENRY STONE MARCHANT

After a brief illness,Henry Stone Marchant,son of the late Jabez and Lucy (Sargent) Marchant,passed away yesterday morning at the Addison Gilbert Hospital at the age of 55 years.The deceased is survived by five brothers,Sidney Marchant,Kilby Marchant,Jonas Marchant,Rutherford Marchant,Andrew Marchant,all of this section and a sister,Mrs. Frederick Brodie of New York.

MARCHANT-In this city,at the Addison Gilbert Hospital,August 8, Henry Stone Marchant,55 years.Funeral services at his late home, 947 Washington Street,Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.Interment at Mt.Adnah Cemetery,Annisquam.

FUNERAL OF HENRY STONE MARCHANT

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral services for the late Henry Stone Marchant yesterday afternoon at the family homestead,947 Washington Street.Rev.C.J.English, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiated.

The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased,Sidney Marchant, William Marchant,Percy Marchant,and Stanley Marchant of Bay View and Robert Brodie of New York.

Interment was at Mt.Adnah Cemetery at Annisquam.

Tuesday evening the Loyal Order of Moose held their services for the deceased brother at the home.

We will skip child b 5 as there is nothing more,and will go on to;

CHILD b 6 RUTHERFORD HAYES MERCHANT b.Feb.7,1877 and d.1937. He m.April 2,1912,Alice May Merchant dau. of Edwin Merchant and Alice White. Alice Merchant was b.Dec.17,1882 and d.1940.They begot the following children;

CHILD b 6 I (a stillborn child) b.Feb.9,1913

CHILD b 6 II RUTHERFORD B.MERCHANT b.May 31,1918 (Book 5 p.120) (R.D.M. Dec.7,1980) There is no close consanguinity in this marriage,they are fourth cousins.(see George Merchant chapter 5 on Alice Merchant) Their descents

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO 3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD b JABEZ MERCHANT(1838-1907) & LUCY SARGENT(1840-1905)

Their sixth child,Rutherford H.Merchant cont.

are;

Jabez,Jabez,Jabez,Jabez,Rutherford Marchant
Daniel Marchant
William Marchant,Epes Merchant,George,Edwin,Alice May Merchant

This branch of the family remained MARCHANT.Epes and others took MERCHANT. G.E.M. in his records called them all MERCHANTS to avoid confusion.

We will skip child b 7 for no further information avaible,and continue with;

CHILD b 8 ANDREW THURSTON MERCHANT b.Feb.18,1884 (was alive Nov.15, 1928) He m.July 26,1916,Anna Dorothea McNeil,dau. of Donald G.McNeil and Ann Murphy.She was b.Abt.1882 (age 34 at marriage).One child listed;

CHILD b 8 I ANDREW VINCENT MERCHANT b.Feb.4,1922 at Gloucester.

CHILD b 9 NELLIE GRACE MERCHANT b.March 14,1887,m.Dec.22,1909 to Frederick Brodie son of Peter H.Brodie and Mary A.Ray who was born in Grandeville,Md.Our Nellie was alive Nov.15,1928 and was in Amsterdam,N.Y. No record of children if any.A Times clipping follows on their wedding;

BRODIE - MARCHANT WEDDING

A quiet but pretty home wedding took place last evening at the home of Peter H.Brodie,when his son Fred M.Brodie and Miss Nellie G.Marchant of Bay View were united in marriage.The parlor was tastefully decorated with autumn foliage and the bridal party stood under a beautiful bower of laurel.

Many valuable presents were given to the newly married couple and a host of friends wish them a full measure of happiness.

Mr.Brodie holds an important business position in Glen Riddle, Penn.,and Miss Marchant has for some years been bookkeeper in the employ of L.E.Andrews & Co.

Both young people are deservedly popular among their acquaintances.

Rev.Judson P.Marvin of the Universalist Church officiated.

Dec.23,1909

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

Jabez Merchant and Bulah Parsons above had eleven children,we have covered the first three,child a and c having but little on page 35.We will continue with;

CHILD d MARY ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1842 m.May 10,1860 (10.70) Oliver Wittridge Sargent,son of Oliver Sargent and Sophia Ann Day.Mary Elizabeth d.Jan.28,1917,Age 75y.5m.19d. Her husband d.May 17,1912.The following children are extracted from her obituary.Order of birth not known.All alive Jan.1917.

CHILD d 1 FRED O.SARGENT of Everett,Mass.

CHILD d 2 FRANK L.SARGENT of Wakefield,Mass.

CHILD d 3 CHARLES W.SARGENT of Somerville,Mass.

CHILD d 4 FANNIE SARGENT m.Frank B.Endicott

CHILD d 5 MARTHA SARGENT m.Levi Wentworth of Chelsea

CHILD d 6 LETTIE SARGENT m.Gilbert Pratt of West Nutley,New Jersey

Mary E.Merchant Sargent had six children,eleven grandchildren,six great grandchildren.Her obituary below;

ANNISQUAM

MRS.M.ELIZABETH SARGENT,A NATIVE OF THIS VILLAGE,DIED IN NEW JERSEY

On Tuesday word was recieved of the death of Mrs.M.Elizabeth Sargent,which occured on Monday,Jan.28,at the home of her daughter, Mrs.Gilbert Pratt,in West Nutley,N.J. Her death resulted from an attack of bronchitis which weakened her heart so that she failed to rally.

Mrs.Sargent was born in Annisquam,Aug.9,1842,the daughter of Jabez and Bulah C.Parsons Marchant,and was one of 11 children. She married Oliver W.Sargent of Annisquam who passed away May 17, 1912.

Mr.and Mrs. Sargent left Annisquam in 1860,taking up their residence in North Bridgewater,later moving to Everett and then to Chelsea where they have lived for many years.The summer months have been passed at Diamond Cove.

Mrs.Sargent was a woman of splendid character,well-liked by all with whom she came in contact and will be greatly missed by her family and her friends,of whom there are many.

She leaves six children,Fred O.Sargent of Everett,Frank L.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife.Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

The obituary of their fourth child continues;

> Sargent of Wakefield,Charles W.Sargent of Somerville,Fannie, wife of Frank B.Endicott and Martha,wife of Levi Wentworth of Chelsea and Lettie,wife of Gilbert Pratt of West Nutley,New Jersey.She also leaves 11 grandchildren and six great grandchildren and three brothers,William H.,Horatio G.,and Cleveland P. Marchant all of this village.
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> A service will be held at the Universalist Church in Chelsea, of which she was a member,at 9:30 o'clock on Thu rsday morning and another service at the Marchant home in this village at 2:30 o'clock,Thursday afternoon.The burial will be in the family lot at Mt.Adnah.
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> The meeting of the Sewing Bee will be on Thursday afternoon and will not be continued into the evening as previously planned.

CHILD e JOHN MERCHANT b.March 28,1845,m.Dec.31,1868 Ida A.Saunders dau. of Henry Saunders and Clarinda Woodbury.He d.April 14,1910 at age 65y.,was a "Salesman" at Chelsea,Mass. City Hall Record; John Merchant,b.March 28,1845 at Gloucester,enlisted Dec.30,1862,mustered Jan.10,1863 as private for three years. Third Heavy Art.Co.A. Single,son of Jabez Merchant and Bulah C.Parsons,engaged at the capture of Charleston,S.C. Transfered to Navy Aug.15,1864.Discharged Aug.5,1865 at close of the war.His own testimony.(Ida b.1846 and d.1948,age 102y) John Merchant and Ida A.Saunders begot but two children on record;

CHILD e 1 WILBER C.MERCHANT b.July 13,1870,m.Jan.21,1896 to Mabel A.Bell.He d.Jan.7,1926.Mabel Bell was b.1873 dau. of James Bell and Catherine -- She d.Dec.13,1926.They begot two children;

CHILD e 1 I JOHN CLIFTON MERCHANT b.April 20,1896 (married)

CHILD e 1 II ANDREW LEIGHTON MERCHANT b.April 20,1899 (married and has a son WILBUR MERCHANT

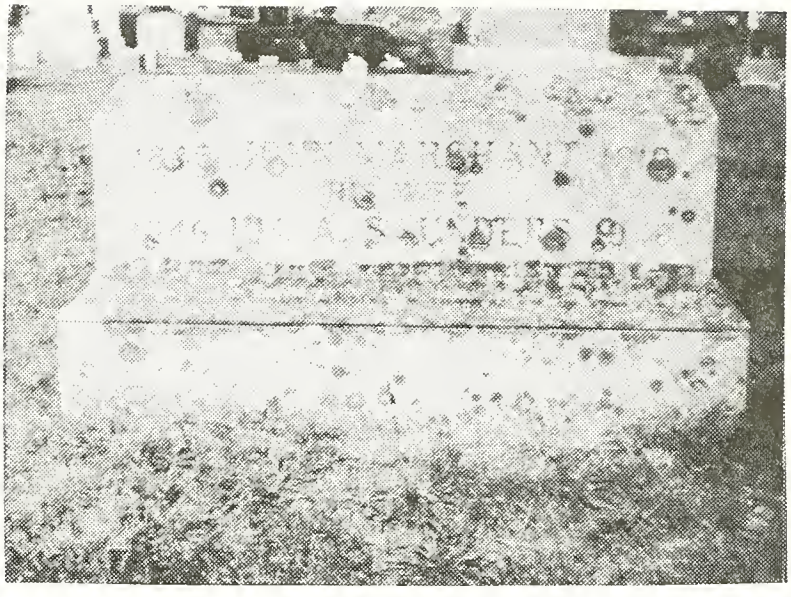
We have a clipping concerning John C.Merchant and then will follow the obituaries of his parents,Wilber C.Merchant and Mabel Bell; (after child e 2)

> Sergeant First Class J.Clifton Marchant,Quartermaster Corps,U.S.Army, son of Mr.and Mrs.Wilber C.Marchant,of Somerville,formerly of this city,has arrived safely from overseas,and is at present spending a few days with his grandmother,Mrs.Ida A.Marchant at Folly Cove.
>
> Sept.3,1919

CHILD e 2 HARRY R.MERCHANT b.Aug.3,1881 and d.Sept.2,1881.

Mt. Adnah Cemetery
Jabez Marchant (1838-1907) Two Jabez in lot

Mt. Adnah Cemetery
Mary E.Marchant (1842-1917) wife of Oliver Sargent



Locust Grove Cemetery
John Marchant (1845-1910) and wife Ida (1846-1948)

Beechbrook Cemetery
John Marchant (1926-1985) in Miller lot

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD e JOHN MERCHANT(1845-1910) & IDA SAUNDERS(1846-1948)

The obituaries of their first child,WILBER MERCHANT and wife,MABEL BELL:

MARCHANT - In Somerville,Jan.7,Wilbur C.Marchant,husband of Mabel A.Bell and son of Mrs.Ida A. and the late John A.Marchant, formerly of Lanesville,in his 56th year.Funeral services will be held from his son's residence,29 Hamilton Street,Medford Hillside, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.Burial at Locust Grove Cemetery, Lanesville,Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

LANESVILLE Jan.7,1926

News was recieved yesterday of the death in Boston,Wednesday, from pneumonia,of Wilbur Marchant,formerly of 1216 Washington Street,Lanesville.The deceased was the son of the late John A. Marchant and Ida Marchant.He was (age 55y.5m.25d.) and was one of the former partners of the firm of MARCHALL & MARCHANT in Gloucester.He was later a railroad official and held an important and responsible position.He is survived by a family.

MARCHANT - In Boston,Dec.13,Mrs.Mabel Bell Marchant,widow of Wilbur C.Marchant,of Somerville,formerly of this city,53 years seven months.Funeral from Porter Square Episcopal Church,Cambridge,tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery,Gloucester,at 4 o'clock.

RECENT DEATH

MRS. MABEL B. MARCHANT

A host of friends will learn with sorrow of the sudden passing on Monday,in a Boston hospital,of Mrs.Mabel Bell Marchant,widow of Wilbur C.Marchant,of Somerville,formerly of this city.Since the death of her husband last January,Mrs.Marchant had been in failing health,and while skilled surgeons made every effort to save her life,she succumbed during an operation last Monday noon.

Mrs.Marchant was Mabel Bell,daughter of the late James and Catherine Bell,attended the grammer and high schools here,and lived on Prospect,Warner and Marchant Streets until after her marriage.About 20 years ago,Mr.and Mrs.Marchant and their two sons removed to Chelsea,and later to Somerville,where Mrs.Marchant became prominent in lodge work.She filled one office after another, until in Oct.1925,she was made Great Pocahontas of the Degree of Pocahontas,and last Oct.Great Prophetess,the highest chairs

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD e JOHN MERCHANT(1845-1910) & IDA SAUNDERS(1846-1948)

The obituary of Mabel Bell Merchant cont.

> within the Massachusetts jurisdiction.She made hundreds of visits all over the state in recent years,and was extremely popular within the order and in her circle of friends,being possessed of a magnetic personality,and an abundance of kindly humor and poise.
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> She was devoted to her home and family and was a fond wife and mother.Her immediate family consists of two sons and their families,living in Somerville,Mr.and Mrs. John Clifton Marchant, and Mr.and Mrs. Andrew Leighton Marchant,and infant son Wilbur, together with her mother-in-law,Mrs.Ida Saundres Marchant of Folly Cove,Lanesville.
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> The funeral services will be heid from the St.James Protestant Episcopal Church at Porter Square,Cambridge,where she was a communicant,tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.Burial will be in the Bell lot at Oak Grove Cemetery,this city,and the funeral cortege will arrive at 4 o'clock.Ucita Council,Degree of Pocahontas,will have charge of the committal service.

We have covered child e John Merchant and family and will move on to;

CHILD f JAMES LANE MERCHANT b.Aug.28,1847 and d.June 20,1910, He was a "fisherman and stonecutter", m.April 6,1870 Mary Ella Hilliard, dau. of Thomas Hilliard and Mary Ann Tarr.She was b.1854 and d.April 1,1904 Age 50y.2m.11d. James was age 62y.10m.22d. They begot nine children;

CHILD f 1 LAURA F.MERCHANT b.April 17,1872,m.Dec.23,1891 Asa Hood, son of Asa Hood and Margaret Riggs.Laura had a son b.April 1,1889,before marriage,who lived but one day.

CHILD f 2 ALLEN JAMES HALL MERCHANT b.Nov.1,1874 and d.Dec.13,1875, Died of "Diptheria",age 1y.1m.12d.

CHILD f 3 CARRIE A.MERCHANT b.June 15,1877,m.Oct.26,1899 Ralph E. Jones b.1874 (age 23 at m.) He was son of Loring Jones and Clarena Pool.

CHILD f 4 PRESTON JAMES MERCHANT b.Aug.27,1879,m.Oct.17,1900 Florence E.Altmise b.1874 at New Breman,N.J. and was the dau. of John Altmise and Cecil Blanche.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

CHILD f JAMES L.MERCHANT(1847-1910) & MARY HILLIARD(1854-1904)

Their 4th child,Preston James Merchant continued; a clipping follows;

> GLOUCESTER,BAY VIEW - Rev.Isaac S.Corn,the retireing pastor, was the recipient of a purse of gold presented in behalf of his appreciative parishioners by Mr.Preston J.Marchant.The surprise gift was recieved Sunday evening,June 29,at the conclusion of a special selection by the Anderson quartet following the pastor's sermon on "The Bible". The impressive service closed with the singing of "G-d Be With You Till We Meet Again". Rev.I.S.Corn,who with Mrs.Corn left July 1 for the West,will assume duties in August as professor of Bible and philosophy at Missouri Wesleyan College.At present,the pulpit is being supplied by Rev.Moses G.Prescott,D.D.,a former minister,who served this church in 1893-1896.
>
> Sept.4,1919.

CHILD f 5 BULAH CLEVELAND MERCHANT b.July 15,1884,m.Nov.13,1901, Samuel McKie,b.1882,son of James McKie and Adalaide Mitchell.

CHILD f 6 JABEZ MERCHANT b.Sept.20,1887 (was alive in 1910)

CHILD f 7 ALPHONSO SARGENT MERCHANT b.Nov.15,1890 (was alive in 1910)

CHILD f 8 (a daughter) b.Jan.14,1892

CHILD f 9 EDITH H.MERCHANT b.Oct.18,1894,m.Nov.6,1912,Patrick A.Frost, b.1892 (age 20 at marriage) son of Charles Frost and Annie Fitzpatrick.

Below we list an obituary for James L.Merchant (1847-1910)

DEATH OF JAMES L. MARCHANT

> James L.Marchant passed away last Monday evening at the residence of Mr.and Mrs. Samuel McKie on Langsford Street, where he had made his home for the past four years.He had been ill for one week.His ailment was Bright's disease.His age was 62 years,9 months,and 23 days.
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> He was a son of the late Jabez and Bulah Marchant,and was born in Annisquam.The family record reaches to the old colonial times.He followed the sea in his early days,and he worked at stone polishing and other jobs lately on shore.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

The obituary of their 6th child,James L.Merchant continued;

On account of his honest and friendly principles,he was beloved by every one.He was a member of Cape Ann Lodge,Knights of Pythias,and also of the Firemans Relief Association.He is survived by three sons and four daughters,Mrs.Asa Hood of Quincy, Mrs.Ralph Jones of Gloucester,Preston Marchant of Bay View,Mrs. Bulah C.McKie of Lanesville,Jabez Marchant of East Weymouth, Alphonso Marchant of Gloucester and Miss Edith Marchant of Lanesville,as well as a number of grandchildren.Three brothers and one sister also survive,William H.Marchant,Horatio G.Marchant, Cleveland P.Marchant and Mrs.Oliver Sargent.

Funeral services will be held at the residence of his daughter and son-in-law,Mr.and Mrs.Samuel McKie,at 29 Langsford Street, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.Interment will be made in the family lot at Mt.Adnah Cemetery in Annisquam.

June 22,1910

FUNERAL OF JAMES L. MARCHANT

Funeral services over the remains of the late James L.Marchant were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs.Samuel McKie of 29 Langsford Street,where he made his home. Rev.J.J.G.Tarr of the Congregational Church conducted the services. Relatives and friends were present from Quincy,Weymouth,Chelsea and Gloucester as well as those in this locality,also representatives of the Firemen's Relief Association and Cape Ann Lodge, Knights of Pythias.There was a beautiful array of floral tributes.

After the services the funeral cortege proceeded to Mt.Adnah Cemetery where interment was made.The pall bearers were William H.Marchant,Cleaveland P.Marchant,Horatio G.Marchant,and Elmer Lane.

The 7th child of Jabez and Bulah Parsons was;

CHILD g WILLIAM HENRY MERCHANT b.Feb.11,1850 and d.Sept.2,1921. He was unmarried and died of "Liver Cancer". His obituary below;

DEATH OF WILLIAM H. MARCHANT

The death of William H.Marchant occurred on yesterday morning, after a short illness.He had been in poor health for about a year but was confined to the house less than two weeks.

Mr.Marchant came of two old Annisquam and Rockport families,

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD A JABEZ MERCHANT(1813-1895) & BULAH PARSONS(1815-1905)

The obituary of their 7th child,William H.Merchant continued;

> being the son of Jabez and Bulah C.Parsons Marchant.He was born in Annisquam,Feb.11,1850,and has always lived here,for the most of his life,in the house in which he died.He was one of 11 children,only two of whom now survive.He leaves two brothers, Horatio G.Marchant and Cleveland P.Marchant,and many nephews and nieces.
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> Mr.Marchant was a man of quiet ways and habits,living his life in a way to command the respect of his neighbors and friends, doing many acts of kindness in his quiet way and he will be greatly missed among those with whom he came in daily contact.
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> The funeral will be held at his home,150 Leonard Street,Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the burial will be in the family lot in Mt.Adnah Cemetery.
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> Sept.3,1921
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> MARCHANT - At Annisquam,Sept.2,William H.Marchant,71 years,6 months,22 days.Funeral from his late home,150 Leonard Street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHILD h ELLA FLORENCE MERCHANT b.April 6,1853,m.(11-4)May 9,1870,Levi Lane.He was b.Oct.22,1849 and was son of Henry W.Lane and Louisa Saunders. We find three children;

CHILD h 1 ELMER LANE b.Nov.18,1870

CHILD h 2 HERBERT TOLE LANE b.Sept.1,1874

CHILD h 3 JULIA H. LANE b.Oct.20,1877

Nothing further on child i Horatio Gates Merchant so will continue with;

CHILD j CLEVELAND PARSONS MERCHANT b.Aug.30,1857 and d.July 1,1925 age 67y. at Danvers,Mass.He married May 13,1896 Margaret C.Duggan who was b.1870 in Ireland,the daughter of Michael Duggan and Annie Littleton.Margaret was age 26 at marriage and Cleveland was 38 years old.

> MARCHANT - In Danvers,July 1,Cleveland P.Marchant,67 years. Funeral from Hutchins court,Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Nothing further on child k Lenett Merchant so this concludes the history of Jabez and Bulah Parsons and their children.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

The above Jabez b.1789 and d.June 1820 at age 31y. was buried with his infant son,Solomon in the same coffin.He married Martha Herrin and begot 5 children, their first child,Jabez (b.1813) we have covered (see Page 35) and so will continue with their 2nd child who was;

CHILD B THOMAS MERCHANT b.1815 and d.April 22,1841.He m.Nov.20,1837, Abigail Floyd (Allen).We have age 22 at marriage but (Vit.Rec.9-11-5 says "age 26").There were two children of this union both of which died young.Abigail married second (Vit.Rec. say 3rd marriage)Nov.1842 Nathaniel Riggs,and had twin sons,both of whom died in Sept.1849 at age of six months.Nathaniel had been married to Mary Jane Merchant previously (see page 26). (see p.412)

CHILD C MARTHA ANN MERCHANT b.Sept.15,1816 and d.May 31,1903,m.Dec.29,1833 Mark Allen.He b.June 5,1809 and d.June 25,1873.He was son of Mark Allen and Hannah Floyd.The parents Mark Allen and Hannah Floyd were m.Oct.23,1807.Mark (Sr) b.May 2,1783 and d.Jan.5,1873,Hannah b.Jan.9,1788 and d.March 29,1873.He age 89 and she age 85.Both alive at 65th wedding anniversery,we find 8 children but her obituary says 9 children.

CHILD a MARTHA ANN ALLEN b.Oct.10,1834 (probably died before 1842)

CHILD b MARK L.ALLEN b.Sept.8,1836,m.Dec.11,1861 Amanda Day (10-87)

CHILD c FRANCIS ALLEN b.June 4,1839,m.Nov.18,1860 Jacob Tucker, and d.Feb.16,1906 at age of 66y.

CHILD d MARTHA ANN ALLEN b.Aug.1842 and d.April 12,1861 at age of 18y.

CHILD e HANNAH F.ALLEN b.March 4,1845 and d.Jan.22,1872 at age of 26y.

CHILD f MARY ANN ALLEN b.1846

CHILD g HORATIO ALLEN b.May 2,1847

CHILD h GARDNER ALLEN b.1857

The obituary of Martha Ann Merchant reads;

> MRS.MARTHA ANN ALLEN --- the oldest resident of Riverdale,passed on to the life beyond early yesterday morning (May 31,1903) at the age of 86 years,10 months,and 16 days.She had been confined to her bed for the past two years,not suffering from any special disease but a general breaking up of her mental and bodily facilities.
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> She was descended from well known old Gloucester families, being the daughter of Jabez and Martha Marchant,and married Mr. Mark Allen of Riverdale,who died thirty years ago.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

The obituary of their 3rd child,Martha Ann Merchant continued;

> Nine children were born to Mr.and Mrs.Allen,five of whom are now living,Mssrs.Mark,Horatio M. and Gardner Allen and Mrs. Jacob Tucker of Riverdale and Mrs.Lyman Lane of Lanesville. Besides these she is survived by 17 grandchildren and 23 Great grandchildren.---------.Her son Horatio M. has occupied part of the homestead ----- most loving care to Mrs.Allen whose loss will be greatly felt----------et ceters.

CHILD D HORATIO GATES MERCHANT b.1817 and d.Aug.31,1854,age 37 of consumption. (Phthisis is another name for consumption,now called T.B.) He m.April 16,1839 Elizabeth Lane who was b.Sept.9,1822 and d.Aug.17,1858 at age 37 of phthisis (also).Her parents were Epes Lane and Sally Woodbury. Personal Property Record; --- Horatio G.Merchant two fifths with Jabez Merchant one fifth,Abner Scott one fifth and Samuel Sylvester one fifth,he master had the schooner "Ida E. Davis",(ship or vessel),enrolled 1848.She built at Gloucester,63 feet long 71 tons. (Horatio listed as trader in the Vit.Rec.)

Horatio Gates Merchant and Elizabeth Lane begot the following children;

CHILD a THOMAS MERCHANT b.July 16,1841 more below

CHILD b SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Aug.22,1842 more- p.57

CHILD c JOHN MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1844 and d.Sept.2,1845,age 10m.15d.

CHILD d JAMES WOODBURY MERCHANT b.Nov.12,1846 more- p.57

CHILD e HORACE MANN MERCHANT b.Nov.13,1848 and d.May 30,1911 and was buried at Locust Grove Cemetery.He was a fisherman and was unmarried.

CHILD f DAVID MERCHANT b.July 27,1853 and d.Dec.13,1853,age 5m.

The history of above children;

CHILD a THOMAS MERCHANT b.July 16,1841 and d.Dec.23,1890,m.Nov.22,1868 Eliza Choat Knowlton.She was b.Aug.20,1849 and d.Sept.28,1901,and was the dau. of Albion Knowlton of Maine and Ellen Poland of Gloucester.They begot;

CHILD a 1 ALBION T.MERCHANT b.July 26,1871 and d.Sept.27,1872 of chronic diarrhea.

(Note - Thomas and Eliza were buried at Locust Grove)

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G.MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

CHILD a THOMAS MERCHANT(1841-1890) & ELIZA C.KNOWLTON(1849-1901)

Their second child;

CHILD a 2 EDWIN C.MERCHANT b.Dec.23,1872 and d.Nov.8,1874 at Lowell of pneumonia,age 1y.1m.15d.

CHILD a 3 ARTHUR B.MERCHANT b.Oct.27,1875 and d.Jan.10,1881,diptheria.

CHILD a 4 EMMA L.MERCHANT b.Nov.17,1877,m.Dec.14,1899 to H.P. Sargent of Rockport.

CHILD a 5 BLANCH E.MERCHANT (a twin) b.Aug.24,1881,m.June 30,1904 to James Bradley and Ada S.Tarr.

CHILD a 6 BERTHA E.MERCHANT (a twin) b.Aug.24,1881,m.Sept.14,1912 to Francis H.Farrell of Brooklyn,N.Y..He son of John Farrell and Marguerite --.

CHILD a 7 ELIZA M.MERCHANT b.Nov.16,1888,m.Sept.14,1912 Avon D. Bradeen and lives in Melrose.His parents were Joshua E.L.Bradeen and Lydia Stiles. He age 31 at marriage.

Obituary of Eliza C.Knowlton,wife of Thomas Merchant (above)

MRS.ELIZA CHOATE MERCHANT

- widow of Thomas Merchant,died at her home on Maple Street this morning where she has been ill for several months.The deceased was a native of Lanesville,but has been a resident of the city proper for several years.

The deceased was a woman posessing many admirable traits of character,which were in evidence throughout her life.By courage and perseverance she accomplished much,and no matter under what conditions,whether it was pleasure or sorrow,health or pain,she was always the same amiable friend and companion.

She leaves to mourn her loss,four daughters,Mrs.Henry P.Sargent of Rockport,and Misses Bertha,Blanche and Eliza Merchant of this city,a mother,Mrs.Allen Parsons,a brother,Mr.Albion Knowlton of Lanesville,and two half-brothers,Messrs.Howard and Alfred Parsons, and a half-sister,Mrs.John Q.Bennett.

The funeral will take place from the Lanesville Universalist Church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Sept.29,1901

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G.MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

Their second child;

CHILD b SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Aug.22,1842 and d.April 22,1862 of consumption at age 18.She m.Dec.23,1860 Joseph Henry Andrews,son of Joseph L. Andrews and Hepsibar Sargent. No children from this union. Her husband next married Miss Martha J.Woodbury.He d.April 8,1919 from a shock sustained the previous Sunday.He aged 79y.9m.25d.

The following children of Horatio and Elizabeth Lane,Child c,Child e,Child f, there being no further information on them ,so will continue with;

CHILD d JAMES WOODBURY MERCHANT b.Nov.12,1846 and d.June 30,1924 at age 77y.7m.18d.He m.Nov.26, 1868 Hattie E.Saunders.She was b.1851 and d.1930. She was the dau. of Henry Saunders and Clarinda --- .

The war record of James Woodbury Merchant from his obituary reads as follows; "The deceased had a fine record in the Civil War.He enlisted early in the conflict in L.B.Whiton's Co.A.3rd Heavy Artillery,Massachusetts Volunteers.He was later transferred to the Navy,which was in need of trained seamen.In the Navy he served on the United States ships;New Hampshire,South Carolina,Houghton,and Jonquil.

He was engaged a good part of the time in preventing blockade running at Charleston and in removing mines.He was severly wounded at Charleston by a mine explosion."

He had four children of record;

CHILD d 1 GRACE F.MERCHANT b.June 20,1869.She was unmarried and teaching school in Portland,Maine in 1924.She d.1953.

CHILD d 2 HERMAN L.MERCHANT b.Abt.1873 more - p.59

CHILD d 3 (a daughter) b.June 1,1873

CHILD d 4 FRANK S.MERCHANT b.Dec.29,1875 more - p.60

The obituary of James W.Merchant follows;

CAPT.JAMES WOODBURY MARCHANT

Capt.James Woodbury Marchant passed away yesterday morning at the age of 77y.7m.18d.

He was born in Lanesville on November 12,1846,of pioneer colonial

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G.MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

The obituary of their 4th child,James W.Merchant continued;

stock on both sides of the house.His parents were Horatio G. Marchant and Elizabeth Lane Marchant.He is survived by his wife, whose name before her marriage was Miss Hattie E.Saunders,one son,Herman L.Marchant of Lanesville,and a daughter,Miss Grace Marchant of Portland High School staff,also survive,also seven grandchildren,Ernest W.Marchant,James E.Marchant,Irene Marchant, and Marion Marchant,children of the late Frank S.Marchant,and Vera M.Marchant,Eleanor Marchant and Pauline Marchant,children of Herman L.Marchant.

Capt.Marchant followed the sea for a number of years,and was master of several schooners.Until last fall he had been in charge of the Howard Hodgkins fish market in Lanesville,and was very popular with the fisherman and the public on account of his noble qualities.

The deceased had a fine record in the Civil War.He enlisted early in the conflict in L.B.Whiton's Co.A,3rd Heavy Artillery, Massachusetts Volunteers.He was later transferred to the Navy, which was in need of trained seamen.In the Navy he served on the United States ships New Hampshire,South Carolina,Houghton and Jonquil.

He was engaged a good part of the time in preventing blockade-running at Charleston and in removing mines.He was severly wounded at Charleston by a mine explosion.

In spite of his notable record,Mr.Marchant was one of the most modest of Civil War Veterans.He was a member of Col.Allen Post 45,G.A.R.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o' clock,from his late residence,at 1259 Washington Street,at Folly Cove.

July 1,1924

FUNERAL OF CAPT.JAMES W.MARCHANT

Funeral services over the remains of Capt.James W.Marchant were held yesterday afternoon at the family residence 1259 Washington Street,Rev.George H.Lewis of Annisquam officiating. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.A delegation of summer people,and former assiciates were present.Friends were present from all over the Cape,Rockport,Annisquam,Riverdale,and Gloucester proper.Among relatives from out of town were,Mr.and Mrs.Benton Smith and children from Portsmouth,N.H.,Mrs.Emma Sargent from Marblehead,and Mrs James Bradley from Rockport.A delegation of Sons of Veterans attended and they held committal services in Seaside

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G.MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

The obituary of their 4th child,James W.Merchant continued;

Cemetery.The pall-bearers were Charles W.Lucas,Elbridge Woodbury, Albert J.Griffin,and Harold B.Morgan.

July 3,1924

History of the children of James W.Merchant and Hattie E.Saunders follows; Nothing further on their first child,Grace,so will continue with;

CHILD d 2 HERMAN L.MERCHANT b.Abt.1873 and d.1964,m.July 13,1899 to Mary Gillespie.She was b.Abt.1876 in Glascow,Scotland and was dau. of William Gillespie and Elizabeth McKie.He was a mariner.They had three children;

CHILD d 2 I VERA MILDRED MERCHANT b.July 1,1900,d.Dec.19,1982.

CHILD d 2 II ELEANOR SAUNDERS MERCHANT b.Oct.7,1903 and alive in Oct.1984.

CHILD d 2 III PAULINE MERCHANT b.Aug.15,1905 and d.Dec. 8,1984. She has a son and a daughter living as noted in her obituary below;

PAULINE MEDLAND,76

SAUGUS - Pauline G.Marchant Medland,of Saugus,formerly of Malden and Gloucester,died Saturday after an illness.She was 76.

Mrs.Medland was born in Gloucester,Aug.14,1908,the daughter of Herman and Mary Gillespie Marchant.She attended public schools and later moved to Malden.She and her husband,Harlowe W.,lived in Saugus for four years.

Besides her husband,she is survived by a son,Paul Fuhs of Rockport,a daughter Janis Merritt of Saugus,a sister Eleanor Marchant of Gloucester and five grandchildren.

Visiting hours will be at the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 548 Lincoln St.Saugus,Monday 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Locust Grove Cemetery,Rockport,Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Dec.10,1984

(Note- the birth date of our record and the Times report in the obituary of Pauline Medland do not correspond,an error somewhere.

Nothing further on child d 3 ------- so will continue with child d 4 who is Frank S.Merchant on next page. (Note on above,Mary Gillespie d.1952)

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G.MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

CHILD d JAMES W.MERCHANT(1846-1924) & HATTIE SAUNDERS(1851-1930)

Their 4th child,whose history follows;

CHILD d 4 FRANK S.MERCHANT b.Dec.29,1875 and d.Feb.13,1906 at age 30y.1m.12d.He m.May 4,1898 Julia Cleary dau. of Timothy Cleary and Julia Haley. She was b.1878 and d.Jan.21,1955 at age about 76y.

Frank S.Merchant was a fisherman,went out in a dory on Feb.13,1906 and never was seen again,his body having never been found,was believed to have drowned.

Frank S.Merchant and Julia Cleary begot the following children;

CHILD d 4 I ERNEST WILTON MERCHANT b.Sept.14,1898,d.May 21,1934.

CHILD d 4 II JAMES EARL MERCHANT b.July 20,1899,d.Jan.6,1959.

CHILD d 4 III IRENE CATHERINE MERCHANT b.Nov.17,1900 (was married)

CHILD d 4 IV MARION AUGUSTA MERCHANT b.Feb.5,1903 (never married)

A letter from Marion to F.R.M. on Oct.30,1984 informs us that she and her sister,Irene are still living,provided some of the data above and writes further;

"I used to walk a lot but now have arthritis in muscles in legs above the knee,so when I go to the shopping Malls,I have to sit down and rest,but have to keep moving.Don't get old!"

The obituary of Frank S.Merchant below;

UNDOUBTEDLY DROWNED

NO TIDINGS OF FRANK S. MARCHANT,BOAT FISHERMAN

FUTILE SEARCH FOR BODY

Empty Dory Mute Evidence of Lanesville Fatality.

Mr.Frank S.Marchant,a well known fisherman of Folly Cove, Lanesville,went out yesterday morning to haul his trawls,and later in the forenoon,along toward noon,his empty dory came ashore on the rocks at Plum Cove,Lanesville.

The first news of the probable fatality was recieved by Bert Griffin during the forenoon,who found the empty dory at Plum Cove. He quickly recovered the boat,and then reported the matter.The news spread very rapidly,and all day an anxious lookout was kept, in hopes that good news from the missing man might be ascertained.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD V JABEZ MERCHANT(1789-1820) & MARTHA HERRIN(d.Abt.1875)

CHILD D HORATIO G MERCHANT(1817-1854) & ELIZABETH LANE(1822-1858)

CHILD d JAMES W.MERCHANT(1846-1924) & HATTIE SAUNDERS(1851-1930)

The obituary of their 4th child,Frank S.Merchant continued;

> As the hours passed,and no tidings came,hope was generally abandoned and in its place came the strong conviction that the young man had met an untimely end.
>
> No traces have since been found of Mr.Marchant,and but little if any hopes are held out that he will return alive,and it is generally believed that he has been drowned.
>
> It is thought that the young man lost his life by being thrown overboard while adjusting the sail of his dory.
>
> The sad occurence has cast a profound sorrow especially over Lanesville and vicinity,where the unfortunate man had always lived and was highly esteemed and respected.
>
> Mr.Marchant married Miss Julia Cleary,who survives,together with four children,and his parents,Mr.and Mrs.James W.Marchant, and a brother and a sister.
>
> He was a very well known and popular young man and has followed dory fishing out of Folly Cove for several years.He was about 30 years old,and is the son of Mr.and Mrs.James w.Marchant,the former being one of the oldest and best known fisherman at the back of Cape.He resided with his parents at 1259 Washington Street.
>
> A number of Folly Cove fishermen endeavored to find the body this morning but without success.
>
> Gloucester Times Feb.14,1906

Jabez Merchant and Rebecca Woodbury had ten children.We have covered I through VI and their descendants,we will now proceed with;

CHILD VII JOHN MERCHANT b.July 17,1793 and d.March 9,1823 (buried at Bay View) He m.Dec.23,1815 Susanna Sargent dau. of --- (possibly Solomon and Susannah).The widow of John,Susannah Sargent Merchant m.March 15,1832 Charles Butler.This her second marriage.We have but little information on the children of this marriage of John and Susannah,which marriage had lasted for seven years.

CHILD A JOHN MERCHANT JR. b.Feb.4,1823 and d.July 26,1826 age 3y.5m.22d.

(see p.412)

CHILD B SUSANNAH MERCHANT -- She m.April 26,1837 Walter Butler Jr.

CHILD VIII MARY BEALE MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1796 (no death date) m.April 28,1815 Samuel Dennen.No information or data on his parents.We find five children.

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.3.JABEZ MERCHANT(1749-1829) & REBECCA WOODBURY(1757-1816)

CHILD VIII MARY B.MERCHANT(1796-) & SAMUEL DENNEN(-)

They begot the following 5 children;

CHILD A JOSEPH DENNEN b.Aug.18,1815 No other information.

CHILD B MARY DENNEN b.Aug.29,1817 and d.April 8,1882,m. Tucker.Was aged 64y.7m.9d. (Died of heart disease)

CHILD C SOLOMON DENNEN b.Nov.17,1819 and d.Sept.15,1887 of "Dropsy". Was aged 67y.and was a "Widower".

CHILD D CAROLINE LANE DENNEN b.Aug.20,1829 and probably died before July of 1833.

CHILD E CAROLINE LANE DENNEN b.July 27,1833.

CHILD IX BETSY WOODBURY MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1799 and d.Aug.25,1873 aged almost 74y. m.Oct.31,1819 James Gott,son of James Gott and Lucy ---. He was b.April 24, 1797,no death date.She married the second time on April 13,1846,no other infor. on this second marriage.From the first marriage we have one child recorded;

CHILD A ABNER GOTT b.Abt.1823 and m.Dec.11,1860 at age 37 to Susan Amanda Gott who was dau. of John Gott and Susan Jones.

CHILD X NATHANIEL MERCHANT Bp.Oct.27,1800

This ends the history of the descendants of Jabez Merchant who was child No.3 of Daniel Merchant and Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.4.WILLIAM MERCHANT b.Sept.6,1751 and d.Oct.15,1802 m.Dec.23,1777 Hannah Wheeler.She was b.Aug.25,1758 and d.Feb.6,1838. This couple are our ancestors and will have their own chapter.

CHILD NO.5.HANNAH MERCHANT b.Feb.17,1754 m.Nov.12,1772 David Lane who was the son of David Lane and Abigail Lane Lane.David Lane was b.Dec.1,1750 and d.May 30,1825 Aged 74y.Hannah d.Nov.30,1840 at age 86y.
G.E.M. writes;"The father of David was John (killed by Indians at Penobscot, June 22,1724),son of John (the first of the name in Gloucester),who with his father James,removed from Malden to North Yarmouth in Casco Bay and there lived until driven from thence by the Indians." Babson says that "No children of this marriage (Hannah Merchant and David Lane) are recorded" but there are certainly some.G.E.M. quotes a Lane genealogy in N.E.,Gen.Register Vol.42 which says there were several and gives a history of one Samuel that they listed.G.E.M.unearthed three more.What children we do have are as follows;

CHILD I JOHN LANE Bp.Aug.21,1774

Descendants of Daniel and his wife,Hannah Woodbury.

CHILD NO.5.HANNAH MERCHANT(1754-1840) & DAVID LANE(1750-1825)

Their second child;

CHILD II EPES LANE b.April 10,1778

CHILD III SAMUEL LANE b.Abt.1793 and d.April 29,1873 at Chelsea in his 80th year.

CHILD IV HANNAH LANE Bp.June 4,1794

CHILD NO.6.MARY MERCHANT b.March 27,1756 (Was Bp. April 11,1756 in 3rd church) She m.Dec.5,1774 John Butler.She was buried July 21,1831 age about 75.Her husband was b.Aug.26,1752 and d.May 11,1822 "by cramp in stomach" aged 70. His parents were John Butler and Sarah Thurston.They begot the following;

CHILD I JOHN C.BUTLER b.July 15,1775

CHILD II JOHN C.BUTLER JR.b.July 25,1777

CHILD III MARY BUTLER b.March 11,1781

CHILD IV SALLY BUTLER b.May 31,1783

CHILD V WALTER BUTLER b.May 6,1785

CHILD VI EPES BUTLER b.Sept.13,1789 and d.Oct.7,1873 at age of 84. He was buried at Bay View Cemetery.His epitaph reads; "Rest in peace,thy work is done"

CHILD VII IGNATIUS BUTLER b.July 10,1793 and d.June 13,1870 age almost 77.

CHILD VIII JUDITH BUTLER b.July 9,1796

CHILD NO.7.JUDITH MERCHANT b.Abt.1758 and d.April 3,1772 (age 14 years V.R.)

CHILD NO.8.CORNELIOUS MERCHANT Bp.June 7,1761 at the Third Church (no death in Vit.Rec.) There is nothing known of him for certain.A Cornelious Merchant married Nov.15,1783 Lydia Butman,probably the dau. of Jonathan Bootman and Hannah Griffin,but if it is this Cornelious we are unable to say. In Chapter 1 "Jabez Merchant" page 13,we find another grandson also named Cornelious who was baptized Oct.19,1760.We do not know to which of these two men named Cornel - ious that the history on page 10 belongs.We find no records of children and we leave Cornelious shrouded in mystery.

CHILD NO.9.EUNICE MERCHANT Bp.July 23,1763 at the Third Church and again at the fifth church the following day.She m.Jan.7,1782 Joseph Stanwood son of (parents not known).No children in the Vit.Rec.

CHILD NO.10.JOHN MERCHANT Bp.Jan.18,1767 at the Third Church after which all trace of him is lost as he melts into the mist of history.

CONSUMPTION - (The dreaded killer)

All along the path of our history are the dead that have been stricken by this once dreaded illness,some while yet children and some in the very prime of life.

From the Gloucester Telegraph,Oct.3,1849 we have the following;

"There is perhaps no disease with which our country is afflicted which sweeps off annually so many victems as that foul destroyer of the human race - consumption.

Day after day,year after year,the insatiate monster hurries to the portals of the cold and silent tomb,fresh added victems to its conquests.

--- - - - non readable - - ---

No age is excempt from its death dealing shaft - - -

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Is there no help for the afflicted ?"

This disease once known as consumption,is now known as phthisis,or more commonly T.B. - tuberculosis.There being many forms of the disease,the most common being "pulmonary tuberculosis",the same which took the life of my great grandfather,Gorham A.Merchant on Dec.27,1897 at the age of 47y.

To the unknowledgeable,let us include the following;

SUSCEPTABILITY

The disease is most infectitus and as already stated,no one is excempt,but certain existing conditions cause one to be more susceptable.

1. First of all,contact with one who is already afflicted, being exposed to coughing and sneezing,being confined in a contaminated area.Dust particles can be taken into the system and the disease cought in this way.
2. Those practicing poor physical hygiene in their daily living.
3. Those existing on an inadequate diet,excessive use of alcohol and contaminated milk are known to be causes.
4. Those suffering from excessive fatigue.

SYMPTOMS

Easy fatigue.loss of wieght,vague abdominal complaints,a rise in afternoon temperture,cough,pain in the chest,coughing up of various amounts of blood,loss of appetite,and restlessness.

PREVENTION

1. The practice of good general physical hygiene,plenty of fresh air and sunshine,proper excercise,avoidence of croweded living conditions.Cleanliness of body and clothes --- washing of hands before eating a major practice.Clean eating and drinking utensils.Very important ! Do not eat or drink with any utensils until they have been cleaned.
2. Make a supreme effort to eat that which is of nutritious value.A weakend physical condition is definately more susceptable to the disease.

Although this disease is no longer the feared killer it once was,it still is with us.Following is a clipping from the Gloucester Daily Times Jan.13,1984.

> "Although there is far,far less T.B. today than there was 70 years ago,it's definitely still with us.An estimated 50 million Americans are infected with T.B. germs;many of them should be treated,but most of them don't even know they're infected.(Some have chronic coughs they attribute to too much smoking;others just feel tired all the time.)A simple test will show whether they have T.B.
>
> Times have changed;T.B. patients no longer go for long hospital stays.Most do not go to a hospital at all.New medicines make it possible for them to get treatment at home,live normally and keep their jobs."

It's control has been achieved by the practice of the preventive methods as listed herein and the isolation of those afflicted and treatment by the physicians.As the rules and methods that we have listed are sure,are proven, and are simple to follow (the warding off of other diseases are accomplished in the same manner) at no time should they be disregarded.

> "My son when you are sick do not
> be negligint,but pray to the L-rd -
> And give the physician his place
> for the L-rd hath created him -
> There is a time when success lies
> in the hands of the physicians -"
>
> Ecclesiasticus 38:9-15

F.R.M.

"The Fisherman"

3

--- WILLIAM MERCHANT ---

"And all that handled the oar shall come
down from their ships;the mariners,and
all the pilots of the sea shall stand
upon the land"
Ezekiel 27:29

William Merchant was b.Sept.6,1751;Bp.Sept.8,1751 in the Third Church as "Bille";m.Dec.23,1777 (Int.Nov.1,1777) Hannah Wheeler,dau. of Moses Wheeler and Susannah Norwood.He being at the age of 26 and she was 19 years of age. Hannah was b.Aug.25,1758 and d."old age,Feb.6,1838,at age 79" Vit.Rec.(C.R.6) their marriage lasted a month or so short of twenty-five years,being terminated by the husbands death on Oct.15,1802 at age 51.He was buried in Rockport,Mass. but do not know where.

We see from his military record,which follows,that he served ten months starting in May,1775 as Sergeant,under Capt.Barnabus Dodge and Col.Baldwin. He enlisted about a month after the battles of Lexington and Concord and was stationed in Chelsea at the time of the battle of Bunker Hill (June 16,1775). He was back in Gloucester in Dec.1777 at his marriage.In 1778 he enlisted as Lietenant in Capt.Mark Pool's Company under Col.Wigglesworth.

William must have been of a patriotic nature as he advanced twenty pounds to the town to defray expenses in raising a company of soldiers in Dec.1776.It was repaid by the town March 25,1778. (Selectmens Records 3-459).We have no record of William being in any battles.For the remainder of his life he appears to have been a fisherman.His widow applied for a pension in 1837,many years after his death and shortly before hers.It was not allowed.

G.E.M. "A family tradition as related by Epes,the son,is to the effect that William Merchant was a Lieutenant in Washington's army during the Revolutionary period,and that he was among the soldiers whose fortune it was to stand about the scaffold upon which Major Andre,the traitor was hung". (R.D.M. writes in 1980 - "Maybe so,but family traditions are often unreliable,and we have no evidence of William being a soldier in 1780;the date Major Andre was hanged. Further more,Major Andre was not a traitor but a British officer,who got the plan of the fortifications at West Point from the traitor Benedict Arnold. Andre against orders,changed to civilian cloths and was caught with the plans and was executed as a spy.This event took place Oct.2,1780 and although we have no evidence William was a soldier at that time,we have no evidence that he was in Gloucester from his tax and other records.Revolutionary war records have many,many deficiencies.He should properly have been in Gloucester late August of 1782. (son Nathaniel b.May,1783)"

We continue with family tradition passed down from William Merchant(1751-1802) to his son Epes Merchant(1780-1859) who gave it to his son George Merchant(1807-1899) who gave it to his son George Edward Merchant(1853-1929) (G.E.M.) who scribbled it down and his grand nephew Robert Douglass Merchant (1913-1984) (R.D.M.) deciphered it and typed it in 1980.

We have the following on a sale of real estate to William,and thereby may conclude that he lived here.(Book 158 p.158) Epes Sargent sold William Merchant July 9,1791.(L-5-0) "A piece of land near Pigion Cove and Halybut Point in Gloucester aforesaid,on which formerly stood the dwelling house of Stephen Gott,together with the orchard on said land,being a part of a parcel of land conveyed by the said Stephen Gott to Epes Sargent,June 22,1759".

William was a fisherman (a mariner) as already noted,on a following page of G.E.M.'s notes,we find,"Capt.William Merchant" owner and master of a fishing vessel "Lady" which was 10 6/95 tons.In the inventory taken after his death,it records "one two masted boat",could be the same vessel.

William Merchant died intestate (means without a will).His estate was inventoried as follows,Probate Record --- William Merchant of Gloucester, fisherman,or "Mariner" intestate.His oldest child,William of Gloucester,fisherman,was appointed administrater of the estate July 4,1803.Sureties on his bond; Samuel Huston trader,Epes Merchant fisherman,both of Gloucester.The deceased left a widow named Hannah.Inventory taken by William Saville,William Norwood, and Daniel Wheeler,all of Gloucester.

Real estate,including house,barn,fish house,land,etc.	-	$869.00
Personal estate	-	387.82
Total estate	-	$1256.82
Inventory of real estate;		
Dwelling	-	$586.00
Fish house	-	58.00
		$644.00
One-half fish house with Epes	-	$30.00
Barn	-	28.00
Two acres land	-	167.00
Total Real	-	$869.00
Personal estate follows;		
Feather bed,bolsters,pillows	-	$18.00
Woolen wheel	-	1.84
Pillow cases,sheets,etc.	-	14.25
Two chintz quilts,blankets,etc.	-	7.00
Iron dogs,crockery,glass	-	3.00
Window curtins,watch	-	9.00
Kitchen chairs,one-half doz.diaper towels	-	2.10
Two cotten & linen,one cotten shirts	-	3.33
Swansdown waistcoat,pair of trousers	-	4.75
Pair of cotten & wool trousers	-	.75
Pewter,tinware,gridiron	-	3.25
Pot,kettle,spider,tea kettle	-	3.00
Brass skimmer,knives,forks	-	.58

Continuation of William's personal estate;

Coffee mill,three pair wool stockings	-	$ 2.65
Outside jacket,low chest	-	6.50
Hat,old clothes	-	3.50
Feather bed,bolster,pillows	-	19.00
Two bedsteads,two cords,underbeds	-	2.00
Two pair of shoes,one woolen quilt	-	3.58
Large chest with drawers,oval table	-	4.00
Shovel,tongs,bellows,bread trowth	-	1.33
Flat irons,table cloth	-	1.25
Silk hankerchief,two meal bags	-	1.50
Three rakes,hoes,shovels,axe,old quilt	-	4.33
One two masted boat,17 fish hogsheads	-	135.45
Eight fish lines,lead,reels,fishing boots,barvile	-	14.00
Three old nets,six flakes	-	20.00
One share in a herring seine and wherry	-	6.00
Stump and stone in Pigion Cove	-	60.00
One old wherry and splitting table	-	2.00
One wheel barrow,mooring for boat	-	6.50
One cow,one pig,one desk	-	17,83
One small turn up square table	-	2.50
One looking glass,Bible,Psalm book	-	3.50
		$388.02
Less error in addition in original statement		.20
As on file		387.82
Real estate		869.00
Total estate		$1256.82

Gloucester,Mass. July 23,1803

The estate was administered by son William and expenses and debts owed by the deceased totaled $380.04 1/2 (Half cents were used in those days).The page following is the list of expenses and debts owed.On the subject of currency (metallic),we note that half cent pieces were issued until 1857.Two cent pieces issued from 1864-1873 and three cent pieces were used when issued between 1851-1899.

Our grandfather,William,was just over the age of 51 at his death.His wife, Hannah,found herself widowed at just over 44.She lived on for another 36 years, almost.We do not know what caused his death,he had been under doctors care due to the debts that had not been paid.How short our life span is,even if the three score and ten years have all been filled,but how many there are that do not see them all.

"For our time is a shadow that passeth away,and after our end,there is no returning."

Wisdom 2:5

This page typed from G.E.M.'s original records as follows;

On July 2,1804,William Merchant,administrater of the estate of his father payed allowance before Judge Samuel Holtin,as follows;

The said estate is credited

Real estate	-	$869.00
Personal property	-	387.00
		$1256.00

Charges in the last sickness of the deceased;

Dr.Ephraim Davis	---	10.75
Dr.James Goss	---	21.25
Expence of appraising,etc.	---	5.00
Taxes	---	1.81
Debts due from said deceased to ;		
James Norwood	---	24.96
Epes Woodbury	---	10.00
Moses Wheeler	---	10.45
Daniel Wheeler	---	8.75
William Babson	---	8.00
Joseph Hicks	---	1.00
Edward Higgins	---	3.34
Moses Wheeler	---	16.16
David Lane	---	2.00
David Kimball	---	13.17
Soloman Choate	---	28.00
David Babson	---	28.33
Nathaniel Woodbury	---	20.52
Ebenezer Pool	---	18.13
William Rowe	---	8.00
William Saville	---	10.60
Simeon Richardson	---	11.64
		$261.86
Allowed widow for necessaries	---	70.00
Allowed administrater for his time	---	30.00
Other expences,secondary,etc.	---	10.00
		4.07
		4.98
		4.25
		1.62 1/2
		2.00
		1.25
		$390.03 1/2
Account rendered is figured at	---	380.04 1/2
	Error apparent -	$9.99

This page typed from G.E.M.'s original records as follows;

Capt.William Merchant
1788

Had tax abated 1-17-6
his 1786 tax - abated 1788

Wm.Merchant

1797,May 22,Libond,Boat "Lady" 10 6/95 tons,Wm.Marchant - owner and Master

A William Merchant was taxed Oct.1,1798 for one dwelling house in the third Parish,one out-house,and one acre of land valued the whole $175.

Squam tax,1797 -
William Merchant -

1 dwelling house,barn,garden		
3 acres land adjoining said land	-	$180.00
1 cow $10 Swine $2	-	12.00
Boat	-	60.00
		$252.00

William Merchant
(First William)

1796 Feb.3,bounty receipt $12.00
for boat "Lady" 10 tons
William Merchant - Master

Squam tax,1797
William Merchant - 3 polls

house,barn,garden	-	$150.00
2 acres of land	-	50.00
1 cow 1 pig	-	12.00
Boat	-	110.00
		$322.00

Hannah Wheeler - wife of William.

William Merchant and Hannah Wheeler have two third cousin once removed relationships.William is four generations down from George Giddings and Jane Tuttle and she is five down.Hannah is four generations from Edward Harraden and his wife and he is five down.

She was a twin to Samuel Wheeler.The Wheelers had a house furthest on Gee Point and changed the name to Wheeler's Point.G.E.M. writes; "Miss Hannah Wheeler was the daughter of Moses and Susanna Wheeler,one of the sons of Jethro Wheeler Jr. whose father Jethro bought land of Joshus Norwood in 1712. Her mother Susanna was b.in 1727 and was one of the eleven daughters and four sons of Joshua and Elizabeth (Andrews) Norwood.He,Joshua,was born in Squam in 1683,and was one of the sons of Francis and Elizabeth (Coldam) Norwood,and he was the son of Judge Norwood of Essex county,England,whose large estate was confiscated by Charles II about 1660.He is presumed to have been imprisoned for life.(family Tradition) - Pool."

(Note on above,G.E.M. has Hannah the dau. of Moses Wheeler who was the son of Jethro Wheeler Jr.
R.D.M. in the ancester chart following,has Hannah the dau. of Moses Wheeler who was the son of Benjamin Wheeler)
"There is an obvious error here - F.R.M."

Under date of Dec.1,1810,Hannah Merchant and sons sold to Aaron Wheeler, Pigion Cove,presumed to be of the estate of William Merchant.Perhaps this is the land described as bought by William on July 9,1791 from Epes Sargent,as recorded earlier.

G.E.M. continues; "It is said further that Hannah Merchant,the wife of William,after the death of her husband,came to Gloucester with her sons, boarding alternatly with Epes and James.At this time she had the commission of her husband William,keeping the same in a snuff box.Previous to her death in 1838,an effort was to be made to procure a pension for her as the widow of a Revolutionary soldier,and search was made for the commission,but without avail,and it is supposed that in her journing to and fro in changing her place of living that the all important paper was lost.An effort was made to find proof among the papers of the government at Washington,but after a vain search, word came back from those employed to look up the matter,that hundreds of the names upon the rolls could not be deciphered." The detail of Hannah "came to Gloucester with her sons" doesn't mean that she came from another town but that, as they lived in Pigeon Cove,now a part of Rockport,they came to the harbor section,Gloucester proper.

Her obituary appeared in the Telegraph - Feb.14,1838; "Died in this town (no date) Mrs.Hannah Marchant,age 80." Her age at death was 79y.8m.11d.

Following page - Hannah's ancestry chart then we continue with 6 pages about the widow's pension application,which pages are typed from photostatic copies of original documents.After the conclusion of such documents,we will continue on with the history of William's children and their descendants.

Ancestry of Hannah Wheeler (wife of William Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Hannah Wheeler
b. Aug.25,1758
p.b.
m. Dec.23,1777
d. Feb.6,1838
p.d Glou.

2 Moses Wheeler (Father of No. 1)
b. June 19,1728
p.b.
m. May 7,1750
d. Dec.1760
p.d

3 Susanna Norwood (Mother of No. 1)
b. Feb.24,1727
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 Benjamin Wheeler (Father of No. 2)
b. March 23,1694 or 1695
p.b.
m. Oct.25,1720
d.
p.d

5 Mehitable Wheeler (Mother of No. 2)
b. March 26,1698
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 Joshua Norwood (Father of No. 3)
b. Feb.27,1683
p.b.
m. Sept.25,1704
d. 1762
p.d

7 Elizabeth Andrews (Mother of No. 3)
b. 1684
p.b.
d. Nov.1,1774
p.d.

William Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. Sept.6,1751 d. Oct.15,1802
p.b. Glou. p.d. Glou.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Francis Norwood (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b. England
m. Oct.15,1663
d. March 4,1708/9
p.d Glou.Mass.

13 Elizabeth Coldam (Mother of No. 6)
b. Abt.1645
p.b. Lynn,Mass.
d. Aug.8,1711
p.d. Lynn,Mass.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 (Father of No. 8)
b.
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8)
b.
d.

18 (Father of No. 9)
b.
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9)
b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 10)
b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10)
b.
d.

22 (Father of No. 11)
b.
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11)
b.
d.

24 (Father of No. 12)
b.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12)
b.
d.

26 Clement Coldam (Father of No. 13)
b. Abt.1623
m. Before 1645
d. Dec.18,1703

27 Mary Pearce (Mother of No. 13)
b. England
d. Jan.26,1704/5 (Glou.Mass.)

28 (Father of No. 14)
b.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14)
b.
d.

30 (Father of No. 15)
b.
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15)
b.
d.

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Washington,D.C., May 9,1893

Miss; -

In reply to your request for a statement of the military history of William Marchant, a soldier of the Revolutionary War,you will please find below the desired information as contained in the application for pension on file in this Bureau. by his widow.

Dates of Enlistment	Length of Service	Rank	Officers Under Whom Service Was Rendered		State
			Captain	Colonel	
May 1775	10 mo.	Sergt.	Barnabus Dodge	Baldwin	Mass.
--- 1778	3 mo.	Lieut.	Mark Pool	Wigglesworth	Mass.

Battles engaged in,	---	None mentioned
Residence of soldier at enlistment,	---	Gloucester,Mass.
Date of application for pension,	---	by widow, Feb.1837
Residence at date of application,	---	of widow,Gloucester,Mass.
Age at date of application,	---	" " 78 years
Remarks:	--- ---	This soldier died Oct.15,1802 Widows claim for pension was not allowed.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Lockven

Commissioner

Miss Francis R.Merchant
734 8th St.,N.W.,
Washington,D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington.D.C. August 23,1893

Miss: -

In returning herewith your communication of the 5th.instant,in which you request to be informed if Capt.Barnabus Dodge's company of Col.Baldwin's Massachusetts regiment participated in any battles during the year 1775,and if Capt.Mark Pool's company of Col.Wigglesworth's Massachusetts regiment was engaged in any battles during the year 1778,I have the honor to advise you that this Bureau is not in possession of any data by which it can supply you with the information desired.

In the pension papers of your ancestor,William Marchant,or Merchant, whose military history has been furnished you and who served in the above named organizations several months in each of the years mentioned,it is not stated that he took part in any battle.Mention is made of the fact,however, that he was stationed at Chelsea,Mass.,on the day of the battle of Bunker Hill.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Lockven
Commissioner

Miss Francis R.Merchant
711 Ninth St.,N.W.
Washington City

The following persons testify concerning the military history of William Merchant - 1837 - this being the date when Hannah applied for a pension.

"I Isaac Rowe of Gloucester in the State of Massachusetts,aged 76 years on oath testify,that in war of the Revolution,I served as a private in a Company of Massachusetts Militia commanded by Capt.Mark Pool in Col.Wigglesworth Regiment in an expedition to Rhode Island in the year 1778,three months.That William Marchant named in the foregoing declaration of Hannah his widow was our First Lieutenant,who was our townsman;that I was well acquainted with him in said service;and to my knowledge he served in said capacity during the aforesaid expedition.Also that Hannah before named is the widow of said William Marchant and has remained his widow since her husbands decease."

Isaac Rowe

"I Isaac Dennison of Gloucester in the State of Massachusetts aged 76 years on oath testify,that in the Revolutionary war,Barnabus Dodge raised a company in this town just after the battle Lexington and marched to Chelsea before the battle of Bunker Hill some time and I went with said Company to Chelsea to take care of the baggage.That I went frequently as a messenger from Gloucester to Chelsea for my townsman.That according to my best recollection William Marchant before named marched with the Company of said Dodge;and that I saw him whenever I went to Chelsea.That I messed with the non commissioned officers when I saw him;and that to my knowledge he served in Capt.Barnabus Dodge's Company of Massachusetts troops in the year 1775."

Isaac Dennison

"We Aaron Wheeler,aged 76 years and Mary Wheeler,aged 76 years,both of Gloucester in the State of Massachusetts on oath testify that we have been intimately acquainted with William Marchant and Hannah his wife before named; that said William Marchant died at said Gloucester in the month of October,1802, and to our knowledge Hannah before named has remained a widow since the decease of said William,her husband and has not remarried since that period."

Aaron Wheeler
Mary Wheeler

"I Aaron Wheeler further testify,that to my knowledge said Marchant left home in the spring of the year 1775 and joined the army near Boston and was stationed at Chelsea or Cambridge while the army lay there.According to the best of my recollection,he served in capacity of Orderly Sargeant and did not return home till after the British left Boston in March,1776."

Aaron Wheeler

"I Moses Lufkin of Gloucester in the State of Massachusetts aged 79 years on oath testify that I served as Drummer in Capt.Richard Dodge's Company in the Regiment of which Lt.Col.Baldwin had the command in the Massachusetts -
(this line apparently missing)
troops stationed at Chelsea in the year 1775.While in the service a company in the same regiment was stationed in the same house together,commanded by Capt. Barnabus Dodge,in Chelsea aforesaid.That I knew and was --- acquainted with William Marchant of this town --- that to my knowledge he served as Sargeant in said Barnabus Dodge's Company in 1775,at least eight months.No - ? he did not enter the service in 1776,I verily believe he served with others by request of General Washington till the British left Boston in March 1776.

Moses Lufkin

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

On this eighth day of Febuary,eighteen hundred & thirty seven,personally came before the subscriber a Notary Public for said County,Isaac Rowe,Aaron Wheeler,Mary Wheeler,and Moses Lufkin,before named,who subscribed and made oath to the truth of their several declarations.And I certify that I am well acquainted with said Isaac Rowe,Aaron Wheeler,Mary Wheeler,and Moses Lufkin, known to me as credible witnesses.

Witness my hand the day and year last above written

William Fenson
Notary Public

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex County

On this sixth day of Febuary 1837,personaly appeared before the Hon.David Cummins,one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas for said County, Hannah Marchant,a resident of Gloucester in the County of Essex and State of Massachusetts,aged seventy eight years (being unable to attend in Court by reason of bodily infirmity) who being first sworn according to law,doth on her oath make the following declaration,in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4,1836.

That she is the widow of William Marchant who was a Sargeant in Capt. Barnabus Dodge's Company in Col.Baldwin's Regiment of Massachusetts Infantry, that he entered the service about the first of May,1775;was stationed at Chelsea;was at Chelsea on the day of the battle of Bunkerhill;and that he returned home after the British evacuted Boston in 1776,after having served ten months in said Company.

That he came home out of the army in April,1777 but the deponent cannot recollect where or how long he served.

That he served as First Lieutenant in Captain Mark Pool's Company,in Colonel Wigglesworth,alias Wadsworths Regiment of Massachusetts Militia,three months or longer,in the year 1778 in an expedition to Rhode Island;that this deponent had his commission for many years after he left the service,which is now lost.

That said Marchant resided in Gloucester aforesaid when he entered the service and continued to reside there till his death.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Marchant by the Rev.Obadiah Parsons on the third day of December in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven;that her husband the aforesaid William Marchant died at said Gloucester in the month of October in the year 1802;and that she has remained a widow ever since that period,as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

her
Hannah X Marchant
Mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above;written before me,the said Hannah Marchant by reason of her advanced age and bodily infirmity being unable to attend court.

David Cummins

State of Massachusetts

On this twelth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one,personaly appeared before me the subscriber,a justice of the Peace in and for said County,James Marchant,a resident of Gloucester in said County,aged sixty four years,who upon oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed July 4,1836.

And this declaration states that he is one of the children of William Marchant and Hannah Marchant both deceased.He has reason to believe and doth believe that his father the said William Marchant was a soldier of the Revolution;that he served in Capt.Dodge's Company in 1775 & 1776 in Capt. Pool's Company in Col.Wigglesworth's Regiment as Lieutenant in 1778 3 months or more and was at R.I. and he believes that there is proof of said service in the declaration of his mother Hannah Marchant in the Pension Office in Washington.

He further states that Hannah Marchant,his mother married William Marchant in 1777 as set forth and proved in her declaration afore said that William Marchant died at Gloucester on the 15th of October 1802,that his mother,Hannah Marchant survived him and remained a widow to the time of her death which occured Feb.12,1838 and that Epes Marchant and James Marchant are the children and the only surviving children of William and Hannah Marchant,deceased.We therefore claim a pension and refers the Comm.to the proof here exhibited and to the proof now filed in said original declaration of his mother,Hannah.

James Marchant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Essex County
Dec.12,A.D. 1857

Then personaly appeared the above named James Marchant on the day and year above written and made oath that the same is true.

Before me Joshua P. Trask

Justice of the Peace

The past four pages and the above which concern the widow's application for a pension,page 78 also records a letter from her son James who likewise issued a claim.These pages were obtained through the courtesy of Alan H.Shute, from Springfield,Va. Mr.Shute in turn obtained them from V.Cordes,from Glen Mills,Pa. Both of the above people are descendants of William and Hannah,whose second child Epes Merchant (1780-1859) married Sally Rowe Thomas.Epes and Sally's sixth child,Samuel Merchant (1812-1860) married Sally Day Davis.Samuel and Sally's second child,Sarah Abigail Merchant (Abbie) (1836-1927) married James L.Shute (1833-1908).Both Shute and Cordes are descendants of James L.Shute and Sarah Abigail "Abbie" Merchant

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Family Group Sheet

Husband

William Merchant	1751-1802	Age 51y.

Wife

Hannah Wheeler	1758-1838	Age 79y.

This couple were married on Dec.23,1777 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.William Merchant Jr.	1778-1823	Age 44y.
2.Epes Merchant	1780-1859	Age 78y.
3.Nathaniel Merchant	1783-1818	Age 35y.
4.Charlotte Merchant	--------	Age 16y.
5.James Merchant	1787-1872	Age 85y.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR. b.Dec.9,1778,Bp.Jan.3,1779 in the Third Church; m.Jan.11,1800 (Int.) Sally Rowe dau. of Daniel Rowe and Sarah Tarr. (Pool - "Daniel Rowe was the son of Thomas Rowe,b.1717 and Rebecca Tarr of Sandy Bay") (Sandy Bay now Rockport). Sally was Bp.May 22,1783 and d.June 13,1856 of "dropsy of the heart",being a widow at the time.No death date on William Jr. but was buried Sept.18,1823.(Vit.Rec.) Age 44y.9m.?d. William Jr. and his wife,Sally Rowe begot the following children;

CHILD I CHARLOTTE MERCHANT b.1802 more p.83

CHILD II WILLIAM MERCHANT (3rd.) b.Sept.25,1803 more p.83

CHILD III ELIZA MERCHANT b.1805 more p.86

CHILD IV SALLY MERCHANT (no birth date) Arbitrarily listed as Child IV more p.86

CHILD V MARY ROBERTS MERCHANT b.Oct.18,1809 more p.87

CHILD VI NATHANIEL MERCHANT (no birth date) Listed as Child VI- more p.87

CHILD VII HARRIETT MERCHANT b.1815 more p.87

CHILD VIII JAMES ROBERTS MERCHANT (no birth date) Listed as Child VIII more p.87

CHILD IX CLARISSA MERCHANT b.Jan.21,1820 more p.89

The following notes typed from G.E.M.'s original records,they concern William Jr. (the 2nd).

East Ward Tax, 1801

William Merchant

Home	-	$150
Boat	-	250
Stock	-	100
		$500

(Perhaps this 1st William not the son)

1804 - April 25,William Marchant had as apprentice Jacob Knight, son of Francis Knight,to be taught the art and trade of a Mariner etc., to be kept until Oct.11,1818.

This page typed from G.E.M.'s original records as follows;

In a list of the inhabitants of the town of Gloucester,who have left their names,being desirious of becoming members of the Independent Christian Church in Gloucester,aforesaid,and the time when said persons left their desire of entry,conformably to the act of incorperation --- passed by the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,Jan.26,1792.

Feb.11,1805 William Merchant

(A following note was jotted down,"He age 27,perhaps his father".This had to be William Merchant Jr. and not his father,as William the father,passed away on Oct.15,1802.)

William Jr.

1798 Jan.bounty receipt - $17.00
Sch. "Lady" 10 tons - William Marchant Jr. Master,employed in bank fishing
1798 Mar.8 Li bond,Boat "Fancy" 13 68/95 tons,built 1798
signed "William Marchant Jr."
1801 Dec.31 bounty receipt - $19.20
Boat "Sally" 12 tons built 1797
William Merchant - Master
1802 Mar.16 codline Boat "Sally" 12 12/95 tons built 1797
William Merchant - Master,and signed by Nathaniel
1803 June 18 codline Boat "Fame" 13 tons,built May 27,1794
William Merchant - Master,and Joseph Babson on bond.
1803 Codline Boat "Rising Sun" 19 23/95 tons built Sept.14,1803
William Merchant - Master,and Daniel Allen signed.

Had no property,sick in consumption quite a while ---------.

(the following note afterword recorded but no date given and details of the accident not known.)

--------by an accidental throwing of a knife by Epes, struck in side.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD I CHARLOTTE MERCHANT b.1802 and d.Aug.13,1868 at age 66 of paralysis. (Vit.Rec.11-59) She m.Jan.10,1819 Winthrop Sargent,son of Jonanthan Sargent and Patience Rowe.Winthrop Sargent,the husband,was b.May 2,1793 and Bp.Aug.10, 1794.He died June 23,1881 at age 88y.1m.21d. They had seven girls and one boy.

CHILD A MARY SARGENT b.Sept.5,1821

CHILD B WINTHROP SARGENT b.May 20,1823 (Jr.)

CHILD C ELIZA SARGENT b.Nov.8,1825

CHILD D SUSAN SARGENT b.May 9,1828

CHILD E CHARLOTTE SARGENT b.March 30,1829

CHILD F ELBERTA SARGENT b.May 9,1832

CHILD G ELIZABETH ANN SARGENT b.Aug.9,1834

CHILD H EMILINE SARGENT b.July 9,1836

CHILD II WILLIAM MERCHANT (3rd) b.Sept.25,1803 and d.May 25,1877 of "heart disease" age 73y.8m. He m.Nov.16,1827 (Vit.Rec. Dec.27) Sally Elwell,dau. of Israel Elwell and Sally Riggs. She was b.Aug.4,1808 and d.Feb.27,1871 of "erysipelas" at age 62y.6m.23d.

G.E.M. writes about this William: "He was a fisherman all his life,and never accumulated any property.At the time of his death it was said that he was the oldest man who had been continually to Georges beginning in 1831 in the "Romeo" with Capt.Harry Pew,who married a sister,Mary.He was sensitive because of a laxity of hair and it is related that in all the years fishing no member of the crew on land or at sea ever saw him with his hat off.He dropped dead of heart trouble while living at the time with his daughter,Mrs.William Corliss". William and Sally begot six children;

CHILD A WILLIAM MERCHANT (4th) b.Nov.9,1829 more p.84

CHILD B SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Dec.2,1834 more p.84

CHILD C CLARA MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1842 more p.85

CHILD D CHARLES MERCHANT b.July 7,1845 more p.86

CHILD E ANNA A.MERCHANT b.Sept.12,1848 more p.86

CHILD F JOHN MERCHANT b.Oct.7,1851 and d.Sept.27,1853 of "dysentery" age 1y.11m.20d.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD II WILLIAM MERCHANT 3rd.(1803-1877) & SALLY ELWELL(1808-1871) Whom begot;

CHILD A WILLIAM MERCHANT 4th. b.Nov.9,1829 and d.Sept.11,1901.He married Jan.4,1860 Maria D.Lucas of York,Maine.She was b.Abt.1830 and d.Oct.30,1901 of "heart failure",forty days after William's death with heart failure while standing on Sewall's Bridge at York,Maine.One son recorded;

CHILD a WILLIAM HERBERT MERCHANT b.July 23,1862.He was alive Oct.30, 1901.

The obituary of William's widow below;

OBITUARY

Mrs.Maria D.,widow of the late William Merchant,formerly of this city died suddenly at York,Maine on Oct.30, from heart failure,leaving quite a circle of mourning friends here,who remember her as a faithful helpmate to her husband,a kind mother and a faithful friend.

Her husband,the late William Merchant,died Sept.11, last, at the same place,being attacked with heart failure while standing on Sewall's Bridge at that place,being apparently in the best of health at the time.

He was a descendant of Jabez Merchant,the first,who settled in Gloucester in 1721,and from whom nearly all of the name on the Cape has come.He resided in this city nearly all of his life but a few years since removed to York,Maine where his wife formerly resided.

His death removes from the world's stage ,one of the few who constitute a marked type of the genuine Gloucester fisherman of a half century ago.

One son,William,is left to mourn the decease of this worthy couple.

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CHILD B SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Dec.2,1834 and d.April 18,1904.Her death date in the Vit.Rec. gives her age at death as 67y.4m.16d.,which would mean a two year error in her birth date,which is not in the Vit.Rec..She m.Oct.24,1851 John B.Foster,son of Thomas Foster and Margaret -----.John Foster was b.1822 and was from Liverpool,England.He was lost in the Schooner "Nor'wester" about 17 years ago. (R.D.M. writes; "The notes of G.E.M. are not dated so we dont know when the schooner was lost.")These begot four children;

CHILD a ALFRED FOSTER b.April 7,1862 (10-118)

CHILD b HOWARD FOSTER b.1863-? m.Sept.7,1907 Edith Olivia Lord,dau. of Haven E.Lord and Mary E.Johnson.

CHILD c JOHN B.FOSTER b.Dec.25,1865 (10-443)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD II WILLIAM MERCHANT 3rd.(1803-1877) & SALLY ELWELL(1808-1871)

CHILD B SARAH MERCHANT(1834-1904) & JOHN FOSTER(1822-)
And their fourth child;

CHILD d ANNIE FOSTER Date or order not known but mentioned in her Aunt Clara's obituary which follows.

CHILD C CLARA MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1842 and d.Feb.13,1924.She m.April 2,1862 William Corliss of Liverpool,England.He was b.1840 and was son of John Corliss and Margaret ----.Husband John,was lost while on a haddock trip to Georges in schooner --- on Feb.1882. They begot the following children;

CHILD a CLIFFORD G.CORLISS b.March 30,1865 (10-143) He living in Feb. 1924.

CHILD b WILLIE CORLISS b.May 28,1867 and d.Aug.1,1869 (11-69) He died of "Scarlatina" age 2y.2m.3d.

CHILD c WILLIAM D.CORLISS b.Feb.9,1872 (11-45) was living in Feb.1924.

CHILD d HOWARD F.CORLISS b.May 14,1875.

CHILD e ALBERT A.CORLISS b.Jan.30,1880 (12-133) d.Nov.27,1881 of "Typhoid Fever" age 1y.9m.27d.

ANOTHER OLD TIME RESIDENT DEAD

MRS.CLARA CORLISS PASSED AWAY LAST EVENING IN HER 82ND YEAR.

Mrs.Clara (Marchant) Corliss,widow of William Corliss,another of this city's well known and most respected residents,passed away last evening at the home of her son,William D.Corliss,14 Forest street,at the age of 81 years,5 months,and 24 days.

The deceased was a native of this city,being the daughter of William Marchant and Sally (Elwell) Marchant.On April 2,1862 she married William Corliss,of Liverpool,England,son of John and Margaret Corliss,the ceremony being performed by Rev.I.C. Thacher,pastor of the Independent Christian (Universalist) Church.

Mrs.Corliss was of the old time families of the city,and had a host of friends.To know her was to love her.

Her husband was lost at sea 42 years ago this month.She kept the family home at 14 Forest street,and when her son William D. Corliss married,he came with his bride to reside there.Years passed on and Mrs.Corliss lived to see five sturdy grandsons grow to manhood,while she lived with the son and his family.

Mrs.Corliss,during her illness,was a patient sufferer,and

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD II WILLIAM MERCHANT 3rd.(1803-1877) & SALLY ELWELL(1808-1871)

The obituary of their third child Clara continued;

> bore her illness with her usual characteristic fortitude and unselfishness.Her constant attendant has been Miss Annie Foster,a niece who has made her home with the Corliss family for many years.
>
> The deceased leaves three sons,Clifford G.,William D., and Howard F.Corliss;five grandsons,one niece,Miss Annie Foster, and four nephews,John B.Foster of East Pepperell,Frank F.Foster of Bangor,Maine,Howard Foster of North Berwick,Maine and Alfred Foster of this city.
>
> The funeral will be held from her late home,14 Forest street, tomorrow afternoon,at 3:30 o'clock.
>
> Feb.1924

CHILD D CHARLES MERCHANT b.July 7,1845 and d.Oct.18,1902 at Almshouse Aged 57y.3m.11d. (foolish)

CHILD E ANNA A.MERCHANT b.Sept.12,1848 and d.Dec.17,1876 of "Inflamation of the bowels" age 28y.3m.5d. She is also listed as "foolish" by G.E.M. "Foolish" was a term often used to denote mental retarddation early in this century. Her obituary reads;

> MERCHANT - 17th,Miss Annie A Merchant daughter of William and Sally Merchant,28 years,3 months.

CHILD III ELIZA MERCHANT b.1805 and was buried Sept.15,1833 at age 28 (Vit. Rec. c.2.6.) She married Dec.31,1826 to Smith Rowe Brown (no further information) They begot;

CHILD A ELIZA ANN BROWN Bp. Nov.8,1834

CHILD B JAMES BROWN Bp. Nov.8,1834 (same as above)

CHILD IV SALLY MERCHANT We do not have a birth or death date on our cousin Sally.She m.July 13,1823 Josiah Willard Grover.He was b.April 23,1804 and was son of Josiah Grover and Letitia ---. They begot;

CHILD A MARY ANN GROVER b.March 31,1825

CHILD B JOSIAH WILLARD GROVER b.Jan.21,1829

Sally married second at a date not known to Stephen Nelson.We have no other records.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD V MARY ROBERTS MERCHANT b.Oct.18,1809 and d.Aug.24,1845 of "Consumption" age 35y.10m.6d. (8-25).She m.Jan.5,1828 Henry Pew.Henry was son of William Pew and Alice Parsons.He was b.Aug.19,1807 and d.Sept.23,1870,aged 64 (12-81). They begot;

CHILD A MARY ELIZA PEW b.Nov.17,1828 and died probably before Nov.1843.

CHILD B HENRY PEW b.Nov.18,1831

CHILD C ALONZO PEW b.April 9,1836

CHILD D VALERIA PEW b.Oct.18,1841.Had name changed to Mary by court.

CHILD E MARY ELIZA PEW b.Nov.10,1843.

CHILD VI NATHANIEL MERCHANT We have no dates on him.He was the second son in the family.G.E.M. has some cryptic notes as follows; "never married" - his hand cut by Dr.Dale.The Dr. educated him because of the accident.Went to New Orleans in the "Casket" or "Delta" with James and left at New Orleans. "Unsteady".

CHILD VII HARRIETT MERCHANT b.1815 "died of consumption" and buried April 6,1842 at age 27y.0m.0d.She m.April 11,1831 Philip Gray of Belfast,Maine. Both died in Gloucester. They begot;

CHILD A HARRIETT GRAY b.Sept.4,1831

CHILD B CLARISSA GRAY b. - buried Oct.24,1836

CHILD C CLARISSA GRAY b. - d.Sept.1838

CHILD D CLARISSA GRAY b.Nov.22,1838 and buried March 21,1840,age 17m.(C.R.6)

CHILD VIII JAMES ROBERTS MERCHANT He was the youngest son of William Jr. and Sally Rowe.The only date we have is his marriage,April 29,1838 to Mary Ann Marshall.She was b.1823 and d.Feb.6,1875 of "Pleurisy" age 52y.She was Bp.July 23,1837 at age 14. (Vit.Rec.) She was an adopted daughter to Marshall.Perhaps her birth name was Butler. James and Mary begot the following children;(see p.412)

CHILD A MARY ADELIA MERCHANT b.Nov.8,1838 and d.March 6,1919 at Lynn,Mass. age 80y.3m.29d.She m.July 25,1857 Joseph Darley who was born in Nova Scotia. Mary and Joseph Darley begot;

CHILD a ELVITE MARY ANN DARLEY b.Aug.13,1860 and d.Sept.14,1860-1m.1d.

CHILD b WILLIAM DARLEY b.Aug.27,1862,is a resident of Lawrence,Mass 1919.

CHILD c JOSEPH N.DARLEY b. 1863 m.1886 Sarah W.Hinkley.This Joseph is a well known electrician in Gloucester.(By G.E.M. no earlier than 1919.)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD VIII JAMES R.MERCHANT(-) & MARY MARSHALL(1823-1875)
Their first child,Mary continued;

Her first husband having died,Mary Adelia next married Howard Hall of Lynn,Mass. and begot;

CHILD d HALL (son)

CHILD e HALL (dau.)

CHILD f HALL (dau.) All living at their mother's death in March 6, 1919. Mary Adelia Merchant,now Mary A.Hall,her obituary below;

HALL - In Lynn,March 6, Mrs.Mary A.(Marchant) Hall,widow of Howard Hall,a native of this city,81 years,3 months, 28 days.

March 13,1919

CHILD B ELIZA MERCHANT b.1841 m.Sept.8,1857 (10-45) age 16 when she married Joseph Dunphy.He was b.1831 at Necada,Nova Scotia and was son of James Dunphy and Ellen ----. They begot;

CHILD a LIZZIE DUNPHY b.April 28,1860 and d.March 13,1862 of "Measles" age 1y.11m.16d. (10-128).

CHILD b JAMES DUNPHY b.Jan.6,1862 (10-117).

CHILD C JAMES ROBERTS MERCHANT JR. b.Nov.9,1843 and d.Sept.12,1905 at age 61y.10m.3d. He m.Dec.3,1864 Lizzie Elwell,dau. of James E.Elwell and Hannah Elsworth (?) (another note has,James Elsworth and Hannah Elwell). Lizzie was b.1850 and d.Feb.14,1875 of "Tyfoid fever" age 24y.9m.4d. If these dates are in order James Jr. was 21 at marriage and Lizzie was but 14.

Another note relates the date Dec.4,1872 and the names of James Merchant and Maria Daley, was this a marriage ? If so there had to be a devorce first for Lizzie died in 1875.

We find that James Roberts Merchant Jr. entered the service Dec.9,1864 as a private,one year in 25th ----.Discharged June 29,1865 on expiration of service. A further note - James Roberts Merchant,on the Hartford,served 15 months, discharged for disability. (Perhaps this later note was on James Sr.)

There is a possibility that they begot one daughter;

CHILD a LUILLA D.MERCHANT b.Dec.12,1867.

CHILD D NATHANIEL MERCHANT b.May 10,1846 and d.March 31,1900,age 53y. Died at "Almshouse".

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)

CHILD VIII JAMES R. MERCHANT(-) & MARY MARSHALL(1823-1875)
Their 5th child;

CHILD E MERCHANT dau. d.June 8,1848 1 day old.

CHILD F MERCHANT son Stillborn July 6,1849.

CHILD G MERCHANT dau. d.Oct.7,1850 of "jaundice" 2d. old.

CHILD H MERCHANT son Stillborn May 29,1852

CHILD I MERCHANT dau. infant d.April 30,1856 of "high fever" (10-27) R.D.M. - At least nine months old.

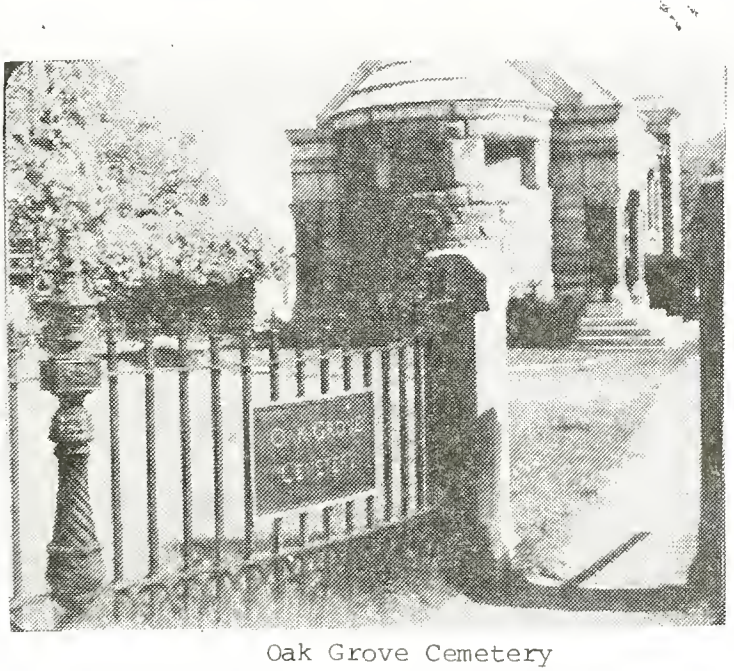
CHILD J EMMA F.MERCHANT b.April 30,1856 m.June 25,1875 Joseph Gorman

CHILD K MERCHANT dau. b.Nov.20,1857

CHILD L MERCHANT son Stillborn Dec.20,1858

CHILD M MERCHANT dau. Stillborn June 21,1861

THIS ENDS the history of James Roberts Merchant and his children,that is at least all of what we have.We will continue with child IX Clarissa,the last child of William Jr. on page 89.

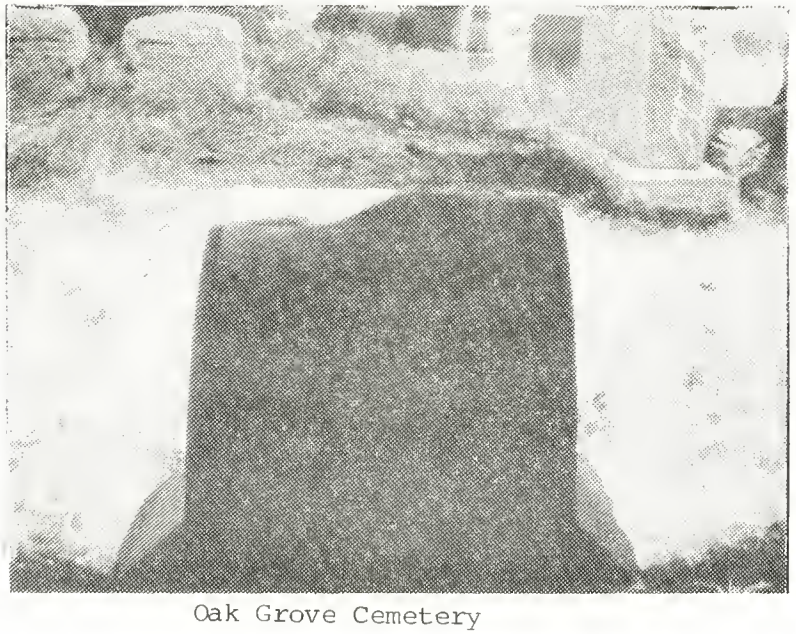


Oak Grove Cemetery

Many Merchants found their resting place here.

Oak Grove Cemetery

Homer Marchant (1877-1956)



Oak Grove Cemetery

Joseph S.Marchant (1853-1904)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.1.WILLIAM MERCHANT JR.(1778-1823) & SALLY ROWE(1783-1856)
Their ninth child;

CHILD IX CLARISSA MERCHANT b.Jan.21,1820 and d.Feb.26,1852 of "Consumption" age 32y.1m.5d. (10-5).She m.Nov.3,1834 (7-150) Freeman Harris of Pigeon Cove, her first husband.She married second,Eliphlet Elliott of Beverly. She had no children from either husband.Both husbands died in consumption.

CHILD NO.2.EPES MERCHANT b.Oct.21,1780 and d.April 10,1859.He m.Dec.1,1803 Sally Rowe Thomas who was b.Aug.4,1782 and d.Oct.17,1869.Epes Merchant and his wife are our ancestors and will have their own chapter.We will continue withchild 3.

CHILD NO.3.NATHANIEL MERCHANT b.May 27,1783 and was buried April 11,1818 age 35y.He married (Int.) Aug.11,1804 Mrs.Sally Brown who was b.Abt.1873 and d.Nov. 6,1850 at age 77.Sally was a widow,having previously married Samuel Brown on March 2,1793.(The Vit.Rec. has Elisha Brown the 4th,m.March 4.) She had three children by this first marriage.They were Elisha Brown,Sarah Brown and Samuel Brown,as listed in the will of Nathaniel Merchant.Sally Brown's maiden name was "Witham". There is record of only one child begoten by uncle Nathaniel;

CHILD I NATHANIEL MERCHANT Bp.Jan.30,1807 and d.Feb.1,1807.

Nathaniel was a fisherman all his life.When he went to sea he had $3000.00,at home in continental paper currency.It was neglected by his wife and he lost the whole.

The estate of Nathaniel Merchant paid taxes in 1824.Abstract of his will follows; Probate Record -- Nathaniel Marchant of Gloucester,fisherman. Will contested. Notice to be served on deceased's mother,Hannah Marchant,and his brothers Epes,William and James.The will was proved.His will was dated March 21,1818 and proved July 21,1818.In it he says that he is infirm and weak in body.He bequeaths to his mother Hannah $100.;and all the rest of his personal and real estate he devises to his wife Sally,whom he appoints executrix.He gives it to his wife on condition she remains his widow.If she marries again,then he gives it to her three children,Elisha Brown,Sally Brown,and Samuel Brown equally. Witnesses: Richard Friend,William Ferson,Eben Dale. Inventory of estate taken by Charles Smith,Richard Friend,and John Smith Jr. Esq.,all of Gloucester.

Real Estate	---	$1175.00	including house and land.
Personal Estate	---	1614.87	including vessel "Ranger" of 23 tons and
Total		$2789.87	the "Wasp" of 23 1/2 tons.

R.D.M. - Apparantly Nathaniel,our uncle,did fairly well fishing or was more fortunate or frugal than his father,our grandfather,was.His estate was over twice as large as that of his father,William. However William's estate was inventoried in 1803 and that of Nathaniel in 1818.How much inflation in those 15 years ?

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.3.NATHANIEL MERCHANT (continued)

R.D.M. - We note the terms Li-Bond and Bounty reciept in the listing of various vessels listed in G.E.M.'s notes.I believe these terms refer to a devise adopted by the town to prevent boats built in Gloucester,of Gloucester timber,from being sold out of town.The following is from Babson's History page 249 footnote.Spelling not mine but as given; "Jany.23,1702 then sold to Nathanill Sanders tweallf tres for one pound ten shillings;to be oak trees for his youse about ye Sloop he is going to build" (Town records)

"December the 28th day 1702 - then receaved of James Parsons,Jephery Parsons, John Parsons,and Nathaniel Parsons,a bond for to pay to the towne the sume of three shillings pr.tunn,if they do sell or dispose of the Sloop out of the towne which Thomas Sanders is a building for the above Parsonses;and the said Parsonses is to pay to the towne three shillings pr tunn in case sd Sloop be sold or disposed of out of towne before six years be expired after the Launching of the said sloop". A similar bond was required from all the Grantees who,about this time,had timber from the Town's Common for the building vessels to use in the town.

The following is typed from G.E.M.'s original records;

NATHANIEL MARCHANT

East Ward tax list,1801

Nathaniel Merchant	---	$625.00

East Ward tax 1818

House,land	---	$360.
Fish house,flakes & yard	---	175.
House and land of Elias Elwell	---	300. ?
Boat "Ranger",3 year 23 tons	---	360.
1/2 Boat "Wasp",4 year 23 tons	---	190.
1 cow,1 swine	---	19.
Cash in trade	---	50.
		$1454.00
		1135.00
		$ 319.00

East Ward tax 1816
Nathaniel Merchant tax

New home and land	---	$450.00
Boat "Ranger" 2 year 23 tons	---	380.00
1/2 Boat "Wasp",2 year	---	200.00
Boat "America",2 year 19 tons	---	350.00
Fish yard & Home	---	175.00
		$1555.00

This page typed from G.E.M.'s original records as fellows;

Nathaniel Marchant
1810,March 5,,Li Bond Schooner "Lion",
20 1/95 tons,Nathaniel Marchant owner and Master,
Epes signed bond.
1805 Boat "Lion" 20 21/95 tons
Nathaniel Marchant owner and Master.
1803 Li Bond,Oct.5,Boat "Lion",20 1/95 tons,
built this present day and year,Nathaniel Marchant Master.

Nathaniel Marchant -

1811 Li-bond Boat "Lion" 20 1/95 tons,Nathaniel Marchant Master and owner.
Samuel Thomas,signed.
1809 Li-bond Boat "Nobby" 13 76/95 tons,Daniel Marchant Master and
Nathaniel Marchant owner.
1809 Li-bond Boat "Lion" 20 1/95 tons,Nathaniel Marchant Master and owner,
Caleb Lane,signed.
1804 Cod-li Boat "Nobby" 13 76/95 tons,built March 28,1800,Daniel Marchant
Master,Peter Woodbury,signed.

Dec.20,1811 - Nathaniel Marchant had as apprentice,William B.Noble,son of
widow,Mary Bottem,to be learned Mariners art.

Nathaniel Merchant -

1802,March 15,Li-oath Boat "Fancy",Nathaniel Merchant Master (codfish)
13 68/95 perhaps.
1809,January 11,Li-oath Schooner "Lion" (Daniel owned Lion 17 tons)
Nathaniel Merchant Master.
1803,April 2,Cod-li Boat "Fancy" 13 68/95 tons,built 1798
Nathaniel Merchant Master,signed by William.
1818,January 5,bounty receipt,$55.28
Boat "Ranger" 23 3/95 tons,Amos Story Master,signed by Nathaniel Merchant
1818,January 5,bounty receipt,$31.66
Schooner "America" 19 75/95 tons,Nathaniel Merchant Master.
1818,January 5,bounty receipt,$55.01
Schooner "Wasp" 23 32/95 tons,Elish Brom Master,signed by Nathaniel Merchant.
1802,March 16,Li-cod Boat "Fancy" 13 68/95 tons,built 1798,
Nathaniel Merchant Master,William also signed.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.4.CHARLOTTE MERCHANT No dates of birth or death.She died at age of 16 years and leaves us no history.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT b.June 27,1787 and d.Dec.17,1872.He retained the spelling MARchant and his gravestone reads MARchant.It is engraved on the other side of the stone of Epes MERchant his brother.(Lot #142 at Oak Grove Cemetery) (The monument that R.D.M. here refers to was broken off by vandels,however I have restored the lot and set new monuments in 1981.- F.R.M.)

James married on Sept.19,1811 Mary Friend.(Vit.Rec.has Sept.29) She was dau. of Richard Friend and Martha Kimball.Mary Friend was b.Feb.27,1793 and d.Feb.6, 1882 age 88y.11m.9d. of a "kidney trouble".

Her father was Richard Friend,who d.July 15,1848 and was son of Richard of Wenham.He was carpenter by trade (built Universalist Meeting House) but soon after comming to Gloucester he engaged in the fishing business at what is now George Todd Cole wharf.His sons subsequently located at the wharves now occupied by Mesrrs.D.C.&H.Babson.Babson,the historian,says of him;"His integrity procured him repeated elections as a bank director while the kindness which matched his character gained him unusual esteem."

James Merchant upon his removal with his mother and brothers,about the beginning of the present century,from Pigeon Cove to the township proper,engaged in boat fishing.(R.D.M.; The "present century" above shows that G.E.M. wrote this part in the late 1800s) His boats were from 12 to 14 tons called "dog's bodies" otherwise known as Chebacco boats or "pug noses".These were standing room boats,two forward and two men aft and amidship covered by a deck.(In later years owned larger vessels such as the schooner, "Mary" 21 tons and the "Wasp" which was 45 tons.)

He owned a stip of land from Union Hill to the harbor and had a fish house besides several boats which were moored to the old mooring stumps.He lived for a long term of years at the lot of land on Loring Haskell's lawn,the well now seen there being under his kitchen.Marchant Street is named for him.He was a boarding officer and tide waiter,four years at one time,under collector,William Beech.

The following is typed from G.E.M.'s original notes;

James Merchant (mariner) Sept.24,1811,had as apprentice,Daniel Noble,son of Mary Noble to keep until Aug.27,1821.

Old papers - James was on the District No.3 School Committee in 1825.
In a list of those who had paid their taxes appears James,1824.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

G.E.M.'s notes continued;

1812 Li-bond,Cod,Schooner,"Mary" 21 3/95 tons,James Merchant Master,
signed by William Norwood,April 20,1812.
1818 Bounty Receipt $50.48,Jan.1,Schooner "Mary" 21 3/95 tons,
James Merchant,Master.
1829 Bounty receipt Schooner "Wasp" 45 7/95 tons
Harry Pew Master,signed by James Merchant.
1826 March 7,Li-bond Schooner "Wasp" 41 tons,James Merchant Master
Eli Stacy signed.
1811 April 13,Coasting Li,Boat "Mary" 21 3/95 tons
James Merchant Master and Benjamin Dodge signed.
1812 April 20,Li-bond Cod,Boat "Mary" 21 3/95 tons
James Merchant Master,William Norwood signed.

James and Mary (Friend) Merchant with others sold pew No.92 in Independant
Christian Church to S.K.Friend for 86 dollars,Feb.14,1850.

When he got the schooner "Wasp",he left fishing eventually.

East Ward tax,1816
James Merchant

New home and land	---	$300.00
Boat "Mary" 21 tons	---	350.00
Cash,stock in trade	---	50.00
1 cow	---	15.00
		$715.00

East Ward tax,1818
James Merchant

Home and land	---	$340.00
Boat "Mary" 21 tons	---	335.00
Cash in trade	---	100.00
		$775.00

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

They begot;

CHILD I JAMES MERCHANT JR. b.Feb.23,1812 more below

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT b.Oct.13,1813 more p.97

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT b.Oct.10,1815 more p.104

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT b.Jan.7,1818 more p.113

CHILD V RICHARD FRIEND MERCHANT b.Dec.22,1819 more p.131

CHILD VI MARY FRIEND MERCHANT b.April 30,1822 more p.132

CHILD VII EMILY FRIEND MERCHANT b.Nov.17,1824 more p.132

CHILD VIII EPES WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 15,1827 more p.132

CHILD IX ABIGAIL OBER KIMBALL MERCHANT b.Jan.20,1829 more p.136

CHILD X BENJAMIN WILLIAM MERCHANT b.April 8,1832 more p.137

CHILD XI FREDERICK NORWOOD MERCHANT b.July 18,1834 more p.138

The obituary of James Merchant was brief,it follows;

Cape Ann Advertizer - Dec.20,1872

MARCHANT - 17th,Mr.James Marchant,85years,5months,21days.

CHILD NO.1.JAMES MERCHANT JR. (from above) b.Feb.23,1812 and d.July 15,1857 of "consumption" at age 45y.11m.22d.He m.Nov.25,1836 Sarah Francis Ring,dau. of Bartholemew W.Ring and Sally Allen.Sarah Ring was b.April 21,1814 and d.Aug.5, 1859 of "consumption" at age 45y.3m.14d. Her father was son of Capt.William Ring and Experience Bennett. They begot four children;

CHILD A FRANCIS RING MERCHANT b.Sept.12,1839 more p.95

CHILD B JULIETTE E. MERCHANT b.Aug.3,1844 more p.97

CHILD C ROWENA MERCHANT b.Aug.28,1846 and d.Aug.14,1849 of "dropsy in the head".

CHILD D ROWENA MERCHANT b.March 10,1856. We have no other history than that she married Charles Davis (no date given) and resides in Dorchester,Mass. Note by R.D.M. - The page of G.E.M.'s record that this is taken from has a date as recent as 1902,so we may assume that they were living then or somewhat later.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD I JAMES MERCHANT JR.(1812-1857) & SARAH RING(1814-1859)

The obituary of Sarah's mother,Sally Allen Ring,which follows;

SALLY ALLEN RING,WIDOW OF BARTHOLOMEW RING
DIED JULY 27,1878

There died in this city last week,three persons whose demise is worthy of more than a passing notice.One of these, Mrs.Sally Ring,widow of Bartholomew Ring,has for some time held the honorable position of the oldest inhabitant.She was born Nov.14,1781,being in her ninety-seventh year at the time of her death.She was a descendant of one of the earliest settlers on Cape Ann,Joseph Allen,who came to Gloucester in 1674.Her family has shown instances of extreme longevity,her mother to 86,while her two sisters lived to the ages of 90 and 97 years.

Age 96y.8m.13d.

The history of their first child;

CHILD A FRANCIS RING MERCHANT b.Sept.12,1839 and d.Nov.29,1903 in Washington,D.C. at age 64y.2m.17d. We have no record of her ever being married. She died as Miss Francis Marchant.We saw her before on pages 74 and 75 obtaining pension application records as Miss Francis Merchant. She and G.E.M. had much corespondence in the 1890s trying to trace the Merchant roots further back. She and G.E.M. were second cousins once removed.

William < James - James Jr. - Francis Ring Merchant
Epes - George - George Jr. - George Edward Merchant

George Edward Merchant b.1853 and d.1929 is G.E.M. and was our first family historian.

She wrote a poetic ode in praise of Mary Butman,wife of Jabez Merchant,in G.E.M.s booklet "The Merchants of Cape Ann". An abstract of one of her letters to G.E.M. follows;
"My father was in the Surinam business at my earliest remembrance and I cannot remember the vessel's names nor the owners.He owned parts of several schooners after that and went to the Bay,in 48-49. He owned the "Sea Serpent" and organized a company to "go round the Cape" to California. The schooner was sold on reaching San Francisco and he went to the mines,soon left and kept a tavern called the "Mountain House" for the rest of his stay in California. There is a tradition in our branch that the original ancestor was an importation in Lafayette's train,and bore the name of Jacques Marchand.I have often heard my grandfather Merchant say that this ancestor served at Vally Forge,in the patriot's army.He seemed quite positive on that point."

(Letter from Francis R.Merchant
April 20,1891)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD I JAMES MERCHANT JR.(1812-1857) & SARAH F.RING(1814-1859)

CHILD A FRANCIS RING MERCHANT(1839-1903)

Newspaper article - Tel.May 25,1842:
Two schooners belonging to this port,Gloucester;The "Delta" and "Fountain" were at the port of Buenos Ayres last winter where they engaged in fishing for shad which were salted for the market.This is pushing matters to an extent which no one but a Yankee would have dreamed of and such spirit and enterprise cannot fail to meet its due reward.The names of the captains of these vessels are Merchant and Norwood,"two Cape Ann boys".

In regards to the "Surinam business" which Francis writes of,Babson's History records the following; (pages 567-568)
"The only branch of foreign commerce which has been steadily persued by the merchants of Gloucester,for a long course of years,is that carried on with Paramaribo or as it is usually called here,Surinam,the capital of Dutch Guiana. --------- Under the stimulus of very high prices of sugar and molasses in 1857, the trade of Gloucester with Surinam,for that year probably exceeded in amount that of the whole foreign commerce of the town in any previous year of its history".

News Item: Tel.June 22,1842 "Captain Merchant,at this port from Buenos Ayres, reports that when he left May 25th,the news had just been received of the blockading of the port of Montevideo by the Buenos Ayreans.
News Item: Tel.July 25,1842 Account of vessels arriving from Buenos Ayres,each with 200 bbls.shad.The vessels sailed from Gloucester in October and were absent 8 1/2 months.They lost forty days in river before permission to fish was given.The Delta,Capt.Merchant was honored by a visit from Governor Rosas,with his daughter.On invitation to accompany to city,Capt.Merchant rode with the Governor on the same horse,his men with other members of the party,"Thus they made the entry into the city full of glee". R.D.M. - I can imagine the glee of the crew seeing their skipper bouncing around on the stern of a horse.

Letter from Francis to G.E.M. undated: "Capt.Merchant was one of the '49 Californians,see account of the cruise of the Sea Serpent by Charles Saville in the Times.After his return he started a net and seine factory in the third story of Burnham's Block.He sold out on account of ill health to Thomas Hall & Co. He was the originator of this industry in Gloucester.

G.E.M. records Francis Ring Merchant as "a well known writer and newspaper correspondent,of Washington,D.C. Her obituary below;

> The funeral of the late Miss Francis R.Marchant,who died in Washington,D.C.,Sunday,was held from the residence of Mr. Edward P.Ring,yesterday afternoon,and was attended by many relatives and friends who remembered her well when she resided here.The deceased was a native of this city,but has not made her home here for some 25 years.Rev.I.M.Greenman officiated.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD I JAMES MERCHANT JR.(1812-1857) & SARAH F.RING(1814-1859)

CHILD A FRANCIS RING MERCHANT(1839-1903)

Her obituary continues;

There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes.Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by a sister,Dr.Juliette E.Marchant of Texas,and several cousins in this city.

Nov.29,1903

CHILD B JULIETTE E.MERCHANT b.Aug.3,1844 although the record reads 1845. She was alive and in Texas at the death of her sister Francis in 1903.G.E.M. writes; "A graduate of Michigan University,now practicing as a doctress at Rome,Oneida Co.N.Y." He added later in a different ink "Later she was at ----- Texas." R.D.M. - I have never heard a female physician called a doctress but why not ? We call the feminine of actor,actress and the two professions are rather similar.

The next two children of James Jr. and Sarah Child C and D,the two Rowenas were covered with what little information avaible on page 94.

On the death of the mother Sarah in 1859,the three children all minors and orphans,James having died in 1857,were assigned to guardians.Each of the children had an inheritance of $1304.31 in real and personal property of the estate. Francis had for a guardian,E.P.Ring.Rowena was assigned to G.G.Friend.I can find no record of who took Julliette but whoever it was did very well by her. A woman college graduate in those days was a rarity and a female physician almost unheard of.

CHILD NO.II CHARLES MERCHANT b.Oct.13,1813 and d.Feb.5,1899.He m.April 30, 1835 Lydia Ann Herrick who was b.July 20,1816 and d.Feb.17,1890,age 73y.6m.8d. She was dau. of Joseph Herrick and Thankful Lufkin.Charles is listed as a fisherman,more on him in his obituary following.Charles and Lydia begot eight children as follows;

CHILD A ADELIA ANN MERCHANT b.Sept.3,1835 more p.99

CHILD B CHARLES EDWARD MERCHANT b.Aug.30,1838 more p.99

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1840 more p.99

CHILD D ELIZABETH FRIEND MERCHANT b.Aug.1,1842

CHILD E ELIZABETH RAYNES MERCHANT b.Aug.1,1843

CHILD F JACOB L.MERCHANT b.Dec.12,1845 more p.104

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5. JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)
Their seventh child;

CHILD G JAMES E.MERCHANT b.March 6,1848 more p.104

CHILD H MERCHANT (son) b.Aug.16,1850

The obituary of Charles Merchant

CAPT.CHARLES MARCHANT

WELL KNOWN AND AGED RESIDENT
GATHERED TO HIS FATHERS

Born 1813.Died 1899,aged 86 years,9 months,23 days.

So the record of the beginning and the end of a useful life has been made,and the venerable Capt.Charles Merchant,of Fresh Water Cove,sleeps the sleep which knows no waking.

Three weeks ago today he stood by the bier of the more than friend of his early youth,the venerable Capt.George Merchant, who had died at the age of 91 years,and wept as he recalled the days which had passed,and the many who had gone on before. Though somewhat enfeebled with age,few who saw him that day thought that he would be the next to go,so vigorous was his step.

Capt.Merchant was the second son in a family of eleven children born to James and Mary (Friend) Merchant,a descendant of that Jabez 1721 from whom has come so many of the Merchants of Cape Ann.

Of this large family,but three survive to the present day, one of whom is Simeon who resides at Pearc's Island.

From his earliest boyhood,to old age his footsteps tended to maritime pursuits.In the early fifties he with others engaged in whaling,commanding the Schooner,"Flying Arrow",and later had an interest in the well known ship "Mount Wolloston" which was lost in the Artic Ocean,a few years since.Of late years Capt. Merchant has been a well known figure about town,taking an extensive interest in all that related to the good of the city, and especially the promotion of temperance.He was a constant attendant at the Universalist Church walking the two miles or more from the Cove to the church with the sprightly steps of youth.

He married in 1835 Lydia A.,daughter of Joseph and Thankful (Lufkin) Herrick,who died in 1890,aged 74 years.

From this union came eight children,one,Charles E. was lost at sea in rounding the Horn;several died in early life,while two sons,James E. and Lorenzo survive.

Capt.Merchant was an honorary member of the Gloucester Relief Association in which he took a lively interest,and his presence in many ways will be missed.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

The obituary of Charles Merchant continues;

> The funeral will take place at his late residence on Wednesday afternoon and undoubtedly will be largely attended.

CHILD A ADELIA ANN MERCHANT b.Sept.3,1835 and d.June 20,1861 at age of 25y.9m.17d. of "phthisis" another name for T.B. or consumption.She m.March 24, 1853 Edwin McEmans who was b.Abt.1830 and was son of John McEmans and Mary Miller of Stockholm,N.Y.They begot but two children;

CHILD a CHARLES McEMANS (no information)

CHILD b EMMA LOUISA McEMANS (no data) she married George B.Sargent, son of Asa Sargent and Martha A.Skillen. G.E.M. has a note undated,"She is dead".

CHILD B CHARLES EDWARD MERCHANT b.Aug.30,1838. His father's obituary has him as lost while rounding the Horn and G.E.M. had the same information written, then at a later date crossed it out and wrote;"He went to California in ship, "Golden Robert" as second cook.Was loaded with fruit and oil,coming down from the north bound to California,vessel upset and all hands lost.He went mackeral fishing on one voyage on Pacific Coast."

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1840 and d.Jan.23,1920 at age of 79y.3m.6d. of "endocarditis".He m.Aug.8,1871 Ellen Fosberry.She was b.May 22, 1852 and d.April 9,1917 at age 64y.10m.17d. and is buried at Beechbrook Cemetery at West Gloucester.She was dau. of Charles F.Fosberry of Sweden and Mary Elizabeth Bray.

Lorenzo,when young and single,entered the service as a seaman Sept.13,1861, served on Bark "Roebuck" at Charleston,engagements at Fort Fisher and Port Royal.Discharged May 27,1865 from U.S. Recruiting ship "Vermont" at end of service.A portion of his service was as a soldier in the 12th N.Y. Battery at Gettysburg and Kelley's Ford.

Lorenzo and Ellen begot eight children whom we list as follows;

CHILD a BENJAMIN BOWMAN MERCHANT b.Oct.13,1871 more p.101

CHILD b WALTER E. MERCHANT b.Oct.14,1873 more p.102

CHILD c FRANK AUSTIN MERCHANT b.March 18,1876 more p.103

CHILD d LIZZIE D. MERCHANT b.March 24,1879 more p.104

CHILD e EDWIN McEMONS MERCHANT b.June 24,1883 more p.104

CHILD f MOSETTA B. MERCHANT b.Aug.22,1886 more p.104

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

CHILD C LORENZO D.MERCHANT(1840-1920) & ELLEN FOSBERRY(1852-1917)

Their seventh child;

CHILD g STELLA D. MERCHANT d.Oct.7,1889 aged one month.

CHILD h LORENZO D. MERCHANT Stillborn Nov.10,1890.

The obituary of Lorenzo D.Merchant;

VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

FUNERAL OF LATE LORENZO D.MARCHANT
HELD SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of Lorenzo D.Marchant,took place from George L. Browne's undertaking rooms,30 Main Street,on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended,a delegation of the Sons of Veterans being present.The services were conducted by Rev.William H. Roderfl,D.D.,of Essex and was followed by the Sons of Veterans burial service conducted by Commander Charles E.Davis,and Acting Chaplain,Charles E.Story.Interment will be in Beechbrook Cemetery,the pallbearers being Charles B.Corliss,Charles E Story,George A.Reed,and Charles E.Davis.

The deceased was a native of this city,his parents being Charles and Lydia Marchant.He was the oldest resident of Fresh Water Cove,where he was born and where his life was passed,he following the occupation of a fisherman.He was a descendant of Jabez Marchant,who came to Gloucester about 1700,settled at what is now Folly Cove. (Should be Lobster Cove)

He was a veteran of the civil war,enlisting in the Navy September 13,1861,and serving on the bark "Roebuck" being engaged in the battles of Fort Fisher and Fort Royal,S.C. He was later transferred to the 13th New York Battery,and participated in the battles of Gettysburg and Kelley's Ford, and was discharged,May 27,1865,at the close of the war.He was a member of Col.Allen Post 45,G.A.R.

He is survived by three sons,Benjamin B. and Walter E. and Frank A.Marchant.

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Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT(1840-1920) & ELLEN FOSBERRY(1852-1917)

The history of their children;

CHILD a BENJAMIN B. MERCHANT b.Oct.13,1871 and m.May 8,1895 Susan A. Pocock (age 20).She was dau. of Charles Pocock and Rachael Harris.She was born in Yarmouth,N.S. about 1874-75 and d.July 22,1902 at age of 28y. G.E.M. did not fill in a death date on Benjamin,but we note that he is listed in his father's obituary as alive Jan.19,1920 and at the wedding cliping of his son, in 1925 he was not called "Late".There is recorded but one child begotten by Benjamin and Susan;

CHILD a 1 BENJAMIN BOWMAN MERCHANT b.Oct.25,1895 and d.1977.He m. Dec.5,1925 Dora Johnson who was the dau. of Jonas B.Johnson.She was b.1895 and d.1967.Both were buried in the Beechbrook Cemetery,West Gloucester. A newspaper clipping of their wedding follows;

MARCHANT - JOHNSON

LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED AT BRIDE'S HOME SATURDAY EVENING

Saturday evening,Miss Dora H.Johnson,eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.Jonas B.Johnson and Benjamin Bowman Marchant Jr.,son of Benjamin B.Marchant,were wedded,the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents,14 Russell Avenue at 7 o' clock.

The double ring service was used,the officiating clergyman being Rev.Albert A.Madson,Ph.D.,minister of Trinity Congregational Church.

The bride was gowned in white satin with the conventional veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white bride's roses.She was attended by her sister,Miss Grace Johnson, whose dress was of apple green Georgette crepe and who carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses.

The groom's attendant was his cousin,Chester Swift.The bride presented her attendant with a silver and pearl necklace,while the best man recieved a leather bill fold from the groom.

RECEPTION AT HOME OF BRIDE

A reception was held at the Johnson home at 8 o'clock, which was largely attended.The house decorations were most attrative and featured yellow chrysanthemums and carnations. Many attractive and useful gifts were recieved by Mr. and Mrs. Marchant,including gold,silver, cut glass,etc.

During the evening,refreshments were served by a group of young ladies and later,amid a shower of confetti,the couple

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT(1840-1920) & ELLEN FOSBERRY(1852-1917)

CHILD a BENJAMIN B.MERCHANT(1871-) & SUSAN POCOCK(1874-1902)

The newspaper item on the wedding of their son,Benjamin to Dora Johnson continued;

> departed for a brief wedding tour.The bride's traveling costume consisted of a brown flat crepe,brown duvbloom coat with fur trimming and a hat of silver metalcloth.
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> The bride is a graduate of the High School and was a department manager at the Frank E.Davis Company plant,having been head of the billing department for a number of years.
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> The groom is employed at the local exchange of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.Both young people have many friends who will wish for them all happiness in their wedded life.
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> After December 21,Mr.and Mrs.Marchant will be at home at 2 Forest Street.
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> A miscellaneous shower was tendered the bride,recently,at the home of Mr.and Mrs.Arthur C.Davis,43 Summer Street,and many useful and attractive gifts were recieved.Over 70 of her friends and associates at the Frank E.Davis Company plant and those who are now employed elsewhere,but who had been with the bride at this plant's office in years past,were in attendance.
>
> Dec.5,1925

CHILD b WALTER E. MERCHANT b.Oct.14,1873,and as no death date recorded was probably alive at the time G.E.M. wrote.He m.Nov.16,1895 Jennie B.Crowthers, her 2nd marriage.She was dau. of Allen McDonald and Abbie Burgess.She listed her age as 31 at marriage which would make her birth as 1864,but when she died, of "liver trouble",Dec.29,1918,she is called aged 61y.2m.9d,which puts her birth in late 1857.No record of children.Walter m.April 28,1920 (2nd time) to Ida Belle Smith,of Winthrop,Mass.She was b.Abt.1885 (age 35 at marriage) at Dartmouth,N.S. and was dau. of Daniel Smith and Sarah Coleman.They begot one child that was recorded;

CHILD b 1 ELLIOTT FOSBERRY MERCHANT b.Jan.11,1921 at Gloucester.

Obituary of Walter's wife;

> MARCHANT - At Fresh Water Cove,Dec.29,Mrs.Jennie B. wife of Walter E.Marchant,61 years,2 months,20 days.Funeral from her late home,250 Western Avenue,Wednesday afternoon,at 2 o'clock.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT(1840-1920) & ELLEN FOSBERRY(1852-1917)

Their 2nd child,Walter E.Merchant - the obituary of his wife,Jennie.

MRS.WALTER E. MARCHANT

The funeral of Mrs.Jennie B.Marchant,wife of Walter E. Marchant,took place from her late home,250 Western Avenue,on Wednesday afternoon.Rev.William H.Rider,D.D.,of Essex officiated. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends and many beautiful flowers.Interment was at Beechbrook Cemetery,the pall bearers being Fred Wood,Edward Momble,Walter W.White and Charles B.Currier.

CHILD c FRANK AUSTIN MERCHANT b.March 18,1876 and d. ---
He m.Nov.28,1907 Bertha May Chapman who was b.Abt.1888 (age 19 at marriage). She was dau. of Alanson B.Chapman and Nellie E.Adams.(her father's obituary below) Frank was a "Lobsterman". Frank and Bertha begot four children:

CHILD c 1 ELLEN E.MERCHANT b.July 31,1908

CHILD c 2 WILLOUGHBY G.MERCHANT b.Oct.6,1910

CHILD c 3 MERCHANT son "City Hall" no name b.Jan.19,1912

CHILD c 4 FRANK AUSTIN MERCHANT b.Aug.28,1914

THe obituary of Frank's father in law;

ALANSON B. CHAPMAN

Alanson B.Chapman,for 31 years a police officer in this city, passed away yesterday from his home,439 Western Avenue,at the age of 72 years.

He was a native of Lynn,his parents being Alanson B. and Nellie P.(Rust)Chapman,but came to this city when a boy,going to sea in the merchant marine service,sailing among others with the late Capt.Charles A.Sawyer,and attaining to the position of first mate.About 40 years ago he retired from the sea,being appointed a police officer by Mayor French in 1890, and was retired last year on a pension.

He married Miss Nellie E.Adams of this city,August 27,1882, who passed away some years ago,and is survived by three sons, Bruce Chapman of this city,Alanson B.Chapman and George Chapman of Boston,the latter being a well known singer in the theater circuits,and two daughters,Mrs Bertha M.,wife of Frank Marchant and Mrs.Labonia R.,wife of Percy E.Jones,of this city,

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CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD II CHARLES MERCHANT(1813-1899) & LYDIA HERRICK(1816-1890)

CHILD C LORENZO DOW MERCHANT(1840-1920) & ELLEN FOSBERRY(1852-1917)

Their 3rd child,Frank A.Merchant - the obituary of his father in law,cont.;

also four grandchildren and a brother,Horace B.Chapman.
His funeral will take place from his late home,439 Western Avenue,tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.Friends are requested to omit flowers.

CHILD d LIZZIE D. MERCHANT b.March 24,1879 (did not marry).She d. Oct.3,1914 at age 35y.6m.9d.

CHILD e EDWIN McEMMONS MERCHANT b.June 24,1883 and d.Feb.28,1903.

CHILD f MOSETTA B. MERCHANT b.Aug.22,1886 (no death date) m.March 16, 1906 William H.Cobb.He was b.Abt.1883 and was son of George W.Cobb and Ida A. White.

Children g and h Stella and Lorenzo on page 100 died in infancy so we will return to page 97 and the children of Charles Merchant.We have covered A.B.and C,children D.and E. leave no history nor does child H. so will continue with:

CHILD F JACOB L.MERCHANT b.Dec.12,1845 and d.May 11,1898 of "heart disease" age of 52y.4m.29d. We have no other information.

CHILD G JAMES E.MERCHANT b.March 6,1848 and d.June 7,1904 age 56y.2m.29d.

This ends the history of Child II Charles Merchant and his eight children He being the 2nd child of our uncle James will continue with;

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT b.Oct.10,1815 and d.Sept.26,1899 at age 83y.11m. 0d. He married first Elizabeth Warren Richardson at Salem on April 4,1837. She was b.Abt.1818 and d.April 27,1838 (at Salem).Simeon buried at Oak Grove Cem. G.E.M. - wrote date unknown; "Simeon started in life as a carriage painter, learning his trade in Salem.He set up for himself about 1843 near where Nelson's oil cloth factory is located,near Vinson's Spring,continuing till 1849.In 1849 he went to California,returning about four years after and resumed his painting.He went to California a second time,his wife dying in the meanwhile.He bought the island in Squam River on his return where he has lived ever since. While working in the mines he recieved a gun shot wound in the face which disfigured him for life.Feb.9,1848,Simeon sold to Joshia K.Waite "One shop on corner of Spring and Water Streets."Had a good place,but got afraid of his neighbor,sold out and came home.He had two wives." (End G.E.M. jottings)

Simeon married 2nd Emeline Merchant,his own cousin,on July 26,1840.She was b.July 23,1819 and was dau. of Epes Merchant and Sally Rowe Thomas.She d.Oct.7, 1852 of "consumption" at the age of 33y.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

R.D.M. - My daughter,Ann Merchant,who wrote a paper on the subject for a college English Course,writes "In the United States actual written laws againest consanguinous marriages were not made untill the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries ------ Thirty states prohibit the marriage of first cousins, -------,yet our own state of Massachusetts does not."

F.R.M.- "Some apparently do not approve of the marriage of first cousins, but it is allowed in the "Holy Scriptures" and this should settle it once and for all."

"The daughters of Zelophehad were married
unto their fathers brothers sons."

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Simeon and Emiline were each grandchildren of William Merchant and Hannah Wheeler.They begot 5 children;

CHILD A EMILINE MERCHANT b.Jan.1842 and was buried June 15,1842 age 5m.

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT b.March 21,1843 more p.106

CHILD C EMMA WARREN MERCHANT b.Nov.28,1845 and d.April 27,1864 at age of 18y.5m. of "consumption".

CHILD D ELIZABETH RICHARDSON MERCHANT b.May 28,1848 married Smith d.1886 age Abt.38 and was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD E SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT (We have only her name)

The obituary of Simeon Merchant who was b.1815 and d.Sept.26,1899.

MR.SIMEON MERCHANT

better known as "Uncle Simeon" by his hosts of friends and acquaintances,passed out into the great beyond from his island home,Merchant's Island,Annisquam River,Tuesday morning,in his 84th year,and was briefly alluded to in the second edition of Tuesday's Times.

He has been in feeble health during the summer,but would rally and get out to visit his favorite resorts.But it was evident that he was nearing his end,and everything was done for his comfort,and his wish that he might be allowed to remain on his island which had become endeared to him by so many pleasant associations was complied with.

Mr.Merchant was a descendant of an old Gloucester family, being the son of James and Mary (Friend) Merchant,and of a

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

The obituary of Simeon Merchant continued;

> large family but two survive him,Mr.Richard F. and Frederick Merchant,his brother Charles,having passed away Febuary 5,1899, at the age of 86 years.
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> He learned the painter's trade in Salem,and carried on the business here for many years.The discovery of gold in California in 1849 led him to seek his fortune in that country and he made the overland trip.He remained some eighteen months and returned home,and after a time concluded to again seek his fortune in that golden country.He arrived home about the year 1869,and purchased Pearce's Island,in Annisquam River,and took up his residence there,where he continued to the time of his death.He commenced to erect camping cottages,and the island being delightfully situated,proved a very pleasant place to pass the summer months.There are now fourteen buildings there, all of which are occupied each summer.
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> He was a man of kindly instincts,sociable and was ever ready to do one a favor.He was highly esteemed by the many cottagers who made his island their summer home.One strong trait in his character was his great love for children and their love for him.He was never so happy as when sitting under the flagstaff,at the island surrounded by the children engaged in their pastimes.He was a man of industrious habits so long as his strength held out for the labors incumbent upon him,and for many years had a fine garden and several cows,and a large flock of hens,from which he derived a comfortable income.He also had an ice house and quantities of fuel which he supplied his patrons,making quite a little business during the summer months.He was very fond of gunning and in his early days was noted for his sucess in fox hunting on Dogtown Common and other resorts.It was one of his greatest pleasures,which he keenly enjoyed.
>
> Mr.Merchant was twice married,his first wife being Elizabeth Richardson of Salem,by whom there was one child,who died young. His second wife was his cousin Emiline Merchant,who died some years ago.There were five children by this marriage only one of whom survives,Mr.Simeon Merchant,well known as a business man of this city.

The only further history that we have on Simeon's children is on;

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT b.March 21,1843 and d.Dec.22,1910 at the age of 67y.9m.1d. and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.He m.Nov.18,1866 Lydia Emily Elwell. She was b.June 25,1845 and d.Dec.30,1924 (in Gloucester) at the age of 79y.6m. 4d. She was the dau. of Eben Elwell and Lydia Hodgkins.Simeon Merchant and his wife,Lydia Elwell begot nine children of record;

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

Whom begot;

CHILD a MANTON ELWELL MERCHANT b.July 6,1872 more p.111

CHILD b WILLIE L. MERCHANT b.Dec.13,1874 and d.Dec.19,1877 age 3y. Died of "scarlet fever".

CHILD c EMMA WARREN MERCHANT b.July 20,1877 and d.May 3,1969.We have only that she never married and that she is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD d RILLA F. MERCHANT b.Oct.27,1879 and d.Oct.19,1880 "scarlatina"

CHILD e HOWARD R. MERCHANT b.Sept.23,1881 and d.March 16,1947. We have only that he never married and that he is buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD f HELEN B. MERCHANT b.Sept.18,1883 m.Oct.10,1923 Walter E.Olsen - no record of any children.

CHILD g ARTHUR G. MERCHANT b.May 28,1885 more p.112

CHILD h CARLTON FRANCIS MERCHANT b.March 21,1888 and d.1958.

CHILD i ROBERT ALLSTON MERCHANT b.Aug.5,1889 more p.112

Obituary of Simeom Merchant Jr.

SIMEON MERCHANT DIED YESTERDAY

WAS WELL-KNOWN GROCER AND OWNER OF PEARCE'S ISLAND

Simeon Merchant,the well known propietor of Pearce's Island of Annisquam River and wholesale grocer of this city,passed away at his home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.He has been in poor health for the past four months,but his condition was not considered serious by himself or his family until with in the last few days.

He belonged to an old Gloucester family,the name appearing in our records in 1719,and was the son of Simeon and Emeline Merchant and was born in this city March 21,1843,and has lived

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

The obituary of Simeon Merchant Jr.,continued;

here all his life.

As a youth he learned the block makers trade of the late David R.Procter and succeeded to the business at the early age of 19 years and conducted the business on Duncan Street very successfully,fitting out many vessels of Gloucester and Swampscott.Later he entered the granite industry of Pigeon Cove as a member of the firm of Clapp & Ballou.This business not proving congenial,he next formed a partnership with the late Austin B.Bray in the fish shipping business at Shute & Merchant's wharf and for the last 35 years has been engaged in the wholesale grocery business on Derby Street,in which he was active until within a few weeks,when ill health forced him to give up all business.He however,kept about attending to his affairs until almost the very last.

Mr.Merchant was a very active and energetic business man, honest and straight forward in all his dealings and was widely known to a large circle of people through his management of Pearce's Island as a summer resort.

It was the good fortune of the writer to be intimately acquainted with Mr.Merchant and the enjoyment in his company while a summer resident at Pearce's Island for several years, has ever been fragrant with many pleasant memories.His was indeed a kindly disposition,ever ready to "lend a hand" for a fishing or sailing party,well versed in the management of a boat,a man of excellent habits,genial,and to be depended upon in every particular.He will certainly be greatly missed by the many who congregate at Pearce's Island during the summer months and all along the river where he was so well and favorably known.

He leaves besides his widow,Lydia E.Merchant,five sons and two daughters,Manton E.Merchant,teacher of art at Erasmus School,Brooklyn,N.Y.,Howard R.Merchant,Arthur G.Merchant, Carlton F.Merchant,Robert A.Merchant,Emma W.Merchant and Helen B.Merchant.

He was a member of Trinity Congregational Church,uniting with the same in the year 1870.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence,148 Washington Street,on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Burial will be private.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

Further obituary on Simeon Merchant Jr.;

MERCHANT - In this city,December 22,Simeon Merchant,67 years, 9 months.Funeral from his late home,148 Washington Street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF SIMEON MERCHANT

WAS HELD AT HIS LATE RESIDENCE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The funeral of the late Simeon Merchant was held from his late residence,148 Washington Street,Saturday afternoon and was attended by a large circle of friends and relatives.The services were conducted by Rev.Charles H.Williams Ph.D.,who in addition to offering prayer,reading from the scriptures and pronouncing an --- ,comparing the life of the deceased with that of the Simeon of old,read "Crossing the Bar" and Whittier's "Eternal Goodness".The interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery and the pall bearers were Dr.Allan S.Burnham,Ezra L. Phillips,Fred Bradley and William T.Shute.

The obituary of Lydia,wife of Simeon Merchant.

MERCHANT - In this city,December 30,Mrs.Lydia (Elwell) Merchant, 79 years,6 months,4 days.Funeral from her late home,148 Washington Street,Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

MRS.LYDIA MERCHANT

The funeral of Mrs.Lydia Merchant was held at her late home yesterday afternoon.A large number of friends and relatives from this city and other cities,showed the affection and esteem in their hearts for her,which was also expressed by the many and beautiful floral tributes.

Rev.Albert A.Madson,pastor of Trinity Congregational Church spoke most feelingly of her long and useful life and read from her Bible selections which she had marked and from her hymn book two which were dear to her,"From Every Stormy Wind That Blows", and "There's a Wideness in G-d's Mercy Like the Wideness of the Sea".

The pall bearers were Joseph Fogg,Walter Olsen,John D.Cunningham and Frederick Burnham.The remains were laid to rest by

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

The obituary of Simeon's wife,Lydia continued;

those of her husband in the family lot,covered by flowers which she dearly loved in life.

ANOTHER OLD TIME RESIDENT
HAS PASSED ON

Mrs.Lydia (Elwell) Merchant,widow of Simeon Merchant,passed away at her late home,148 Washington Street,yesterday afternoon, in the 80th year of her age.

She was the daughter of Capt.Eben D. and Lydia T. (Hodgkins) Elwell,a descendant of Gloucester's earliest settlers,and retained mant of the old-time customs and beliefs of her early days;though deeply interested in the progress of her native city.

The deceased married Simeon Merchant in 1866,who died December 22,1910,and a few years later moved into the home from which she passed to her Heavenly Home.She united with Trinity Congregational Church in 1860,and was active as a member until age forbade her attendance,but she never lost her deep interest in all its affairs.A faithful Bible student, she could readily recite passages at great length,and delighted in so doing;also in repeating hymns and poems,many of which she committed to memory in her girlhood.She loved to recall the old days,and her memory of Gloucester as it used to be was very accurate.

FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

Mrs.Merchant was a lover of home,devoted to her family and her children "rise up and call her blessed".As a neighbor and friend,she could always be found sympathetic and helpful, though the infirmities of age in her last years,did not allow active interest.

She leaves to mourn,two daughters,and five sons;Miss Emma, who has been with her mother and on whom she depended,Mrs. Helen,wife of Walter Olsen of Annisquam;Manton E. of Brooklyn, N.Y.;Carleton of Chelsea;Howard,Arthur and Robert of this city; two grandchildren,Barbara and Louise Merchant;two sisters,Mrs. Marilla T.Ford of Brooklyn,N.Y.,and Mrs.Ella H.Cunningham of this city.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock from her late home.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

We include here a newspaper article which was neglected earlier;

PROBATE COURT

At the probate court at Salem yesterday,the will of John A. Fordyce of New York and Gloucester was proven with Homer T. Swift and Raymond N.Lewis as executors.

Inventories have been filed of estates of Mary C.Thornton, $10,550.50;James L.Feltmate,$647;Lydia Merchant $11,000,all of this city.

Luther D.Haskell of Essex,$362.

On the history of the children of Simeon Merchant and Lydia Elwell we have a little further information on child a,g,and i which follow;

CHILD a MANTON ELWELL MERCHANT b.July 6,1872 and all further information is gleaned from the newspaper accounts of his wife's death on June 5, 1927.He m.Abt.1913 Helen Windfall dau. of William Windfall of Rockport.She was b.Nov.18,1886 at Rockport and d.June 5,1927.She had no children.Manton was head of an academic department in Erasmus Hall High School at Brooklyn,N.Y. Manton E.Merchant d.Oct.18,1956 and is buried at Locust Grove Cemetery. The obituary of his wife,Helen follows;

DEATH OF MRS.HELEN MERCHANT

Rockport,June 7 - Mrs.Manton E.Merchant (Helen Woodfall) of Flatbush,N.Y.,died at her home in that city,Sunday afternoon. Mrs.Merchant was the daughter of Mr.and Mrs.William Woodfall of this town and was born in Rockport,Nov.18,1886 and educated here.

Mrs.Helen Merchant,40 years old,wife of Manton Merchant, head of an academic department in Erasmus Hall high school in Brooklyn,(and sister of O.P.Williams,cartoonist of the New York American) fell or jumped five stories from the roof of their home at 130 East Nineteenth Street,Brooklyn,yesterday, to the courtyard.She died soon after she was taken to Kings County Hospital.Her legs were broken,her skull was fractured and she was injured internally.

Mrs.Merchant had suffered from a nervous ailment for some time.Recently,however,she has improved,according to neighbors, and she and her husband were arranging to go to the country

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

CHILD a MANTON E.MERCHANT(1872-1956) & HELEN WINDFALL(1886-1927)

The obituary of Helen (Windfall) Merchant continued;

for the summer.The Merchants had been married fourteen years. They had no children.

Neighbors said Mrs.Merchant had seemed in good spirits. She had laughed at the comic supplements of the Sunday papers and had been chatting with her husband.She then went to the bathroom to do her hair and soon her husband heard her crying.She said her comb had fallen into the yard.He went down and had just picked up the comb when he heard his wife calling his name,hysterically.He saw her in a dangerous position on the roof.He shouted helplessly and dashed up the stairs.Before he got to the roof,however,neighbors saw Mrs.Merchant hurtling down.

MERCHANT - In Flatbush,N.Y.,June 5,Mrs.Helen (Woodfall) Merchant,wife of Manton E.Merchant,40 years,6 months, 17 days,a native of Rockport.Funeral services at the home of her parents,Mr.and Mrs.William Woodfall,33 School Street, Rockport,tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Interment at Locust Grove Cemetery.

CHILD g ARTHUR G.MERCHANT b.May 28,1885 and d.1955.He m.Sept.26,1916 Mabel Goodwin dau. of George Goodwin and Matilda Smith.She was b.Abt.1886 at Pubnico,Nova Scotia and d.1974.No children from this couple.

CHILD i ROBERT ALLSTON MERCHANT b.Aug.5,1889 and d.Dec.11,1979. He m.Nov.9,1914 Gertrude May Thomas.She was b.Aug.5,1899 and was the dau. of William Henry Thomas and Mary Ann White.Gertrude d.April 20,1978.They begot the following children;

CHILD i 1 BARBARA MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1915 and m.Dec.26,1932 John H. C.Sindall,he born in England.They have two children now living;

CHILD i 1 I SUSAN SINDALL b.March 25,1938 and married Peter Schickele and have two children living;

CHILD i 1 I A KARLA SCHICKELE b.June 14,1967

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD III SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899) & EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852)

CHILD B SIMEON MERCHANT(1843-1910) & LYDIA ELWELL(1845-1924)

CHILD i ROBERT A.MERCHANT(1889-1979) & GERTRUDE THOMAS(1899-1978)

CHILD i I BARBARA MERCHANT(1915-) & JOHN SINDALL(-)

Their first child,Susan,begot ;

CHILD i 1 I B MATTHEW SCHICKELE b.July 2,---

CHILD i 1 II JOAN SINDALL b.Jan.17,19---- and m.June 1981 Kirill Upensky,he a Russian dissident with a grant at Harvard Colledge.

CHILD i 2 LOUISE MERCHANT b.1916 and married a Stephens from Texas and has two children.She is a school teacher.

CHILD i 3 ELEANOR MERCHANT b.Jan.17,1924 and married Carl V.Larson and had three children;

CHILD i 3 I ROBERT MERCHANT LARSON b.Aug.18,1947 and was killed in Vietnam July 15,1971.

CHILD i 3 II RICHARD LARSON b.July 22,1949 married Lucinda Young.

CHILD i 3 III WILLIAM THOMAS LARSON b.May 10,1954.

R.D.M. - The following extracted from a letter from M.E.Lafond, 3 Amero Court, Gloucester,written June 29,1979 - refers to the Robert Allston Merchant (above and who was born in 1889). "Another wonderful person,Robert Merchant of Apple Street,Wheeler's Point,knows much of the history of Gloucester.He married Gertrude Thomas and he is in his 90's and lives with his daughter,a school teacher,Mrs.Stevens.His wife died two years ago.They own the island in Annisquam River.I love to talk with him." End quote.

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We have now completed the history of the third of the eleven children of James Merchant and Mary Friend and proceed to the fourth;

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT b.Jan.7,1818 and d.Oct.6,1886 of "phthisic pneumonia" at age of 68y.8m.29d. He m.July 31,1842 Hannah Voss Shepherd,dau. of Joseph Shepherd of Portsmouth,N.H. and Olive Foss of Rye,N.H. She was b.April 10,1818 at Schenectady,N.Y. and d.July 30,1893 at Gloucester at the age of 75y. 3m.20d. We have records of eight children begotten by this couple;

CHILD A SARAH A.MERCHANT b.June 17,1843 more p.114

CHILD B CHARLES S.MERCHANT b.Aug.31,1845 more p.116

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD C ALBERT MERCHANT b.June 19,1848 and d.Aug.2,1852 of "measles".

CHILD D EDWARD S.MERCHANT b.May 1,1851 at Belfast,Maine. more p.122

CHILD E JOSEPH S.MERCHANT b.July 8,1853 at Belfast,Maine. more p.122

CHILD F EDGAR MERCHANT b.Aug.31,1855 more p.128

CHILD G JAMES F.MERCHANT b.Feb.25,1859 more p.131

CHILD H HANNAH VOSS MERCHANT b.July 10,1861 more p.131

The obituary of Albert Merchant below;

> Another life long and highly esteemed citizen of Gloucester, Mr.Albert Merchant,passed away on Wednesday morning in the sixty ninth year of his age.He had been quite sick for about a year, and for some days his death was hourly expected.Mr.Merchant came of an old Gloucester family,and was a son of Capt.James and Polly (Friend) Merchant,both of whom are pleasantly remembered by our older residents.In his early days,like a majority of the young men and boys of that day,he was engaged in the fisheries;he also made one or more voyages to South America with his brother James.His life work however,was not upon the sea,but upon the land,and for some forty years he was engaged in the manufacture of soap at Duncan's Point where the business is still conducted by his son,Charles S.Merchant.Diligent in business ,faithful to his every obligation,with a willing hand and cheerful heart to bear his part in every good work,he lived a useful life and won a high place in the esteem of the community. He was liberal in his religious views,and in politics a Democrat, and a veteran Odd Fellow,having become a member of Ocean Lodge, Dec.17,1845,three months after the Lodge was instituted.Mr. Merchant married Hannah,daughter of Mr.Joseph Shepered,who with seven adult children,five sons and two daughters survive him.

The history of the children of Albert Merchant and Hannah Shepered follow;

CHILD A SARAH A.MERCHANT b.June 17,1843 and from her obituary,which follows,she died at 74y.6m.14d.,if correct,her death was Dec.31,1917. She m. Nov.21,1867 George W.Fisher son of Jacob S.Fisher and Sarah ----.He was b.Oct. 29,1840 and d.Feb.4,1876.One child recorded;

CHILD a GEORGE V.FISHER b.Feb.15,1873.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD A SARAH A MERCHANT(1843-1917) & GEORGE FISHER(1840-1876)

The obituary of Sarah (Merchant) Fisher;

MRS.SARAH A.FISHER

The funeral of Mrs.Sarah A.(Marchant) Fisher took place from her late home,45 Beacon Street,yesterday afternoon,and was largely attended,the house being completely filled with sympathizing relatives and friends.The services were opened with the reading of Scriptural selections by Rev.L.M.Powers, D.D.,followed by a eulogy by Rev.William H.Rider,D.D.,who spoke in tender remembrances of her many traits of character and activities during his long acquaintance with her,after which Rev.Dr.Powers spoke of her patience and unselfish spirit during her long illness,closing with a prayer.The interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

MUCH INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS

LATE MRS.SARAH A.FISHER WAS ESPECIALLY DEVOTED TO TO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Mrs.Sarah A.(Marchant) Fisher,widow of George W.Fisher, passed away yesterday at the home of her sister,Mrs.Charles S. Bott,45 Beacon Street,with whom she has made her home for a number of years,at the age of 74 years,6 months,and 14 days.

She was a native of this city,her parents being,Albert and Hannah (Shepherd) Marchant and married George W.Fisher November 21,1867,who died Feburary 4,1876.

Although an invalid for many years,she retained her interest in passing events,and was especially interested in the Woman's Auxiliary to the Addison Gilbert Hospital,of which she was an officer until the inroads of disease prevented her active participation in its work.

She was a woman of strong benevolent inclinations,always thinking of the welfare of others,and although in recent years,she was physically incapacitated from taking an active part in many of life's activities,her mind remained alert and she was always thoughtful of those in less fortunate circumstances.

She is survived by one son,George V.Fisher,also by four

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD A SARAH A.MERCHANT(1843-1917) & GEORGE FISHER(1840-1876)

The obituary of Sarah A.(Merchant) Fisher continued;

> brothers,ex-city Marshal Charles S.Marchant and Edgar Merchant of this city,James F.Merchant of Boston,Edward S.Merchant of Newton,and one sister,Mrs.Hannah V.,wife of Charles S.Bott, of this city.
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> Her funeral will take place from her late home 45 Beacon Street at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

F.R.M. - Note in the above obituary,an example of how our family name came to be spelled differently.Charles S. spelled his name MARchant while his brothers spelled their name MERchant.

CHILD B CHARLES S MERCHANT b.Aug.31,1845 (Vit.Rec.has Aug.11) and d.April 14,1918 of "mitral insuffiency". He m.May 12,1867 Eliza A.Smith dau. of Allan Smith and Sally Young of Rockport.She was b.Jan.25,1847 and d.May 6,1871 of "consumption" at age 24y.3m.11d. Charles married 2nd. Laura Orient Herrick on June 25,1873.She was b.Jan.2,1846 and d.June 6,1927 of "old age". Her parents were William Herrick and Augusta Woodbury.She was married as Laura Orient Herrick then apparently dropped the aur for an apostraphy and became L'Orient Merchant.

G.E.M. has the following notes on Charles S.Merchant,
In politics he was a Democrat,serving upon the Ward Committe of his party in 1877 and after years.
Appointed City Marshal by Mayor George E.McDonald, --- 2,1907,and confirmed the same evening.Sworn into office Feb.4,1907.

From his first brief marriage to Eliza A.Smith he begot one child;

CHILD a MABEL C MERCHANT b.Nov.21,1867 m.June 25,1888 Jacob Karcher son of Jacob Karcher and Elizabeth McRae.He was b.Abt.1868.Mabel was living June 6,1926 but have no death date.They had begotten children but have no information on them.

From his second marriage to L'Orient Herrick he begot;

CHILD b ALBERT D.MERCHANT b.Sept.5,1874 more p.120

CHILD c HOMER R.MERCHANT b.July 12,1877 more p.120

CHILD d AUGUSTA HERRICK MERCHANT b.June 2,1879 more p.122

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD B CHARLES S.MERCHANT(1845-1918) & L'ORIENT HERRICK(1846-1927)

News article on Charles S.Merchant from the "Times";

THE NEW CITY MARSHAL

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF MAN WHO WILL HEAD FORCE

BESIDES FIRE CHIEF HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS PUBLIC CAPACITIES

Charles S.Marchant last evening was nominated by Mayor McDonald as city marshal and was confirmed by the board of aldermen,recieving the vote of every member of the board,is a native of Gloucester,being born August 31,1845.

Like most of the youth of his day,he recieved a grammar and high school education,and then went to work,being first employed as a boy by Shepherd & Rust Butchers.

After this he was employed in the soap factory of Marchant & Shepherd,the senior member of the firm being his father.In 1869 the firm was changed and he became a partner,the firm name then being A.Marchant & Son.

This business was continued until 1900,when it was discontinued.In 1902 he became connected with the city's water department and in that year and 1903 he served in the important position of inspector on the construction of the big dam of the Haskell pond basin.Since that time he has continued in the employ of the water department as foreman and timekeeper on the various extensions,etc.

It is in fire department circles that Mr.Marchant is best known and his acquaintance with firemen extends throughout New England.His career as a fire fighter has been noteworthy. His first connection with the fire department was in 1863,when he became attached to the old hand tub Extinguisher,which was then known as the "boys engine".With this company he did his full share of service at the great fire of Febuary 18,1864, and later in the year was transferred to the Col.Allen hook and ladder truck with which he served some months and then joined the crew of the steamer Cape Ann,the first steamer in the Gloucester fire department,serving as stoker.In 1865 he was attached to the new steamer Magnoila,being elected its

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD B CHARLES S.MERCHANT(1845-1918) & L'ORIENT HERRICK(1846-1927)

Newspaper article on Charles S.Merchant continued;

engineer,a position he held until the old Steam Fire Association disbanded in 1868.

In 1873 he was elected by the first city government on the board of engineers,the late Simeon A.Burnham being chief,the assistants on the board,beside himself,being the late Fitz E. Oakes,Jeremiah Foster,George Dennis,Nathan B.Cook and Edwin L. Lane,the latter afterward serving several times as chief and being still living.

Mr.Marchant was re-elected in 1874 and 1875 and then resigned with Messrs.Oakes and Foster.

In 1881 he was elected to the common council from ward three and was re-elected in 1882,serving both years on the committee on fire department.In 1883 he was elected alderman from the same ward and was re-elected in 1884,serving as chairman of the committee on fire department both years,and also on the committee on police.Three officers whom that committee placed on the force are still in service,Michael J.Sullivan,William E.Burns,and Martin J.Burke.

In 1885 he was elected chief of the fire department,being re-elected in 1886,1887 and 1888.In this position he gained a reputation as a fire fighter which reached beyond the bounds of his home city,and became one of the best known chiefs in New England.In 1892 and 1893 he was elected chief of the department and since then has had no active connection with the department,although always taking the greatest interest in this important arm of the city's service.Fire fighting was his hobby and to this he gave always his best thought and endeavors.

In 1899 he was a candidate for representative to the general court on an independent ticket and was elected over the regular party nominees.

He was re-elected in 1900 and in 1901 failed of a third term by only 31 votes,running each year as an independent.

He was one of the founders of the Gloucester's Firemen's Relief Association and was elected president in 1887,a position he held for 10 years and then declined a re-election.

In 1894 he served as president of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association.

He was one of the original members of the famous Fire Chief's Club of Massachusetts,being a life long friend of the late Chief Lewis P.Webber of Boston.While a member of the local council in 1882 he introduced the order for the establishment of the present fire alarm system of the city.

He was also a member of the National Fire Chief's Club of

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

CHILD B CHARLES S.MERCHANT(1845-1918) & L'ORIENT HERRICK(1846-1927)

Newspaper article on Charles S.Merchant continued;

> the United States and Canada and served as a delegate at the conventions at Springfield,Montreal and other places.
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> Mr.Marchant is personally known to as many people of this city as probably any other man.He has always had the confidence and respect of the community,has been many times honored by his fellow citizens and has always proved faithful to the trust imposed.

His obituary,although brief,follows;

> MARCHANT-In this city,April 14,Charles S.Marchant,72 years, 7 months,14 days.Funeral from his late home,18 Mason Street, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The obituary of L'Orient Merchant;

WIDOW OF C.S.
MARCHANT DEAD

Mrs.L'Orient (Herrick) Marchant,widow of Charles S.Marchant, former city marshal and former chief of the fire department, passed away at her home 18 Mason Street,this morning in her 82nd year.

MRS.CHARLES S.MARCHANT

Due to infirmities incident to advanced years,the earthly life of Mrs.L'Orient,widow of Charles S.Marchant,ended Monday morning after ----- illness at her home,18 Mason Street.She was in the 82nd year of her life and was but a week confined to her bed.

Mrs.Marchant was the daughter of Capt.William and Augusta (Ingersoll) Herrick,being a descendant of two of the old Cape Ann families.She was the last of the family of seven children, her three brothers as was their father,being square-rigged captains of record out of New England ports to Surinam and the

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

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CHILD B CHARLES S.MERCHANT(1845-1918) & L'ORIENT HERRICK(1846-1927)

Obituary of L'Orient Merchant continued;

Orient.
She was a typical New England woman of the old school,devoted to country,home and family.In the great scheme of things she did her full part.
She is survived by two sons,Albert D.,Homer R.,chief of the fire department;a daughter,Augusta H.,wife of Arthur L.Millett, and a stepdaughter Mabel,widow of Deputy Sheriff John Karcher, all of this city.
The funeral services will be conducted at her home,18 Mason Street,Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev.Robert P.Doremus of the First Parish Unitarian Church.

MARCHANT - In this city,June 6,Mrs.L'Orient (Herrick) widow of Charles S.Marchant,81 years,5 months,4 days.Funeral services at her late home,18 Mason Street,Wednesday afternoon at 2 o' clock.Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

History of the children of Charles S.Merchant and L'Orient Herrick;

CHILD b ALBERT D.MERCHANT b.Sept.5,1874 m.Dec.20,1921 Mary E.McNeil (age 38) dau. of Duncan McNeil and Mary Burke.We have no records of children if any. A notice of their marraige from the Times below;

MARCHANT - McNEIL - Albert D.Marchant,manager,18 Mason Street and Miss Mary E.McNeil,clerk, -- Franklin Square.

CHILD c HOMER R.MERCHANT b.July 12,1877 and d.1956.Was m.Dec.14,1918 Annie Davis Burns (in Essex).She was b.1877 and d.1937 . She was the dau. of Joseph Burns and Clara ----. We have no records of children if any.A notice of their marriage from the Times below;

MARCHANT - BURNS - In Essex,December 14,by Rev.William H.Rider,D.D., Homer Ripley Marchant and Miss Anna D.Burns,both of this city.

Newspaper reports on Homer R.Merchant from the Times;

(Next page)

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CHILD c HOMER R.MERCHANT(1877-1956) & ANNIE BURNS(1877-1937)

From the Times;

NEW FIRE CHIEF SWORN IN TODAY

Homer R.Marchant,who was unanimously elected chief of the fire department by the Municipal Council last Thursday noon to suceed William S.Smith,resigned,went to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall this noon,and was sworn into office.Chief Marchant assumed charge of the department this afternoon.

Dec.16,1918

I am glad to extend my congratulations to the Chief-elect of the fire department,Homer R.Marchant and there is no doubt in my mind but what he will make good.He comes of a fire-fighting family,has had a lot of experience himself,and is eminently qualified in every way as a worthy successor to Chief Smith.

Dec.13,1918

Chief Homer R.Marchant of the fire department was the recipient of an excellent and useful valintine this morning when he was very much surprised to have a parcel containing a chief's white rubber coat delivered to him by Presson's express.The coat was the gift of the permanent and some of the call force and was wrapped in a real surprise package. With it was the following letter which also pleased the chief very much.

To Chief Homer R.Marchant,

Sir: - We of the permanent force and some call men,feeling jealous of the way the Steam Fire Association used you and not being able to do justice the way we would like to,do hereby pledge ourselves to do all that we can to make your position a post of honor,something you would be proude of.Feeling the way that we do,we hope that you will accept this little token of our esteem and that whenever occasion occurs to do your part, we shall expect to see you wear it and keep up the good will with which you have started in,in the department.Wishing you all the happiness of a successful administration,we remain,

Yours respectfully,

"THE GANG"

Feb.14,1919

CHARLES S. MARCHANT,
Who Was Confirmed Last Evening as City
Marshal

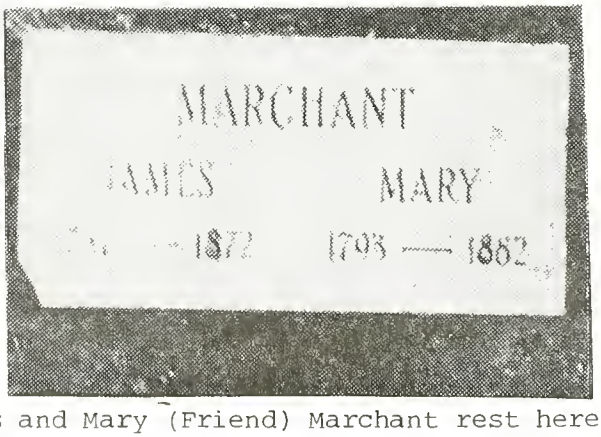
Charles S.Marchant
(1845-1918)

"Appointed City Marshall
on Feb.2,1907"

HOMER R. MARCHANT,
Whom the Council Honored With a
Unanimous Vote for Chief of the
Fire Department.

Homer Marchant
(1877-1956)

"Chief of the Gloucester
Fire Department"



James and Mary (Friend) Marchant rest here at
Oak Grove Cemetery

Oak Grove Cemetery

Miss Francis Ring Marchant
(1839-1903) and her parents are here.

Oak Grove Cemetery

Edgar Merchant (1855-1928)

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CHILD c HOMER R.MERCHANT(1877-1956) & ANNIE BURNS(1877-1937)

Another news item from the Times;

GAVE WHITE HAT TO CHIEF MARCHANT

Chief Homer R.Marchant of the fire department was presented with a handsome chief's white helmet by the School Street Steam Fire Association on Tuesday evening.The affair was a quiet and informal occasion and without ceremony,but was a pleasant and complete surprise to the chief.It followed the regular monthly meeting of the two companies.Chief Marchant was called over from the Dale Avenue headquaters and was given the helmet by Captain Edward Hearn in behalf of the School Street boys.

Feb.6,1919

CHILD d AUGUSTA HERRICK MERCHANT b.June 2,1879 and m.April 18,1905 Arthur L.Millett who was b.1870 and was son of Arthur Millett and Carrie Bailey.We find only one child begotten by this couple;

CHILD d 1 MARION MILLETT b.April 17,1906

We now return to Child IV Albert Merchant on page 113 and take up his fourth child Child D Edward S.Merchant.Child C has no history.

CHILD D EDWARD S.MERCHANT b.May 1,1851 at Belfast,Maine and m.Jan.27,1875 Elizabeth R.Proctor who was b.Sept.3,1853 and was the dau. of Nehemiah Proctor and Eliza Ann (Proctor) Proctor.We have no death dates on this couple.They begot;

CHILD a AGNES MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1877 at Boston

CHILD b ROY R.MERCHANT d.Aug.-- 1877

CHILD c MARGARET M.MERCHANT (date unclear)

CHILD d CARL MERCHANT b.May 2,1888 and d.May 4,1888 age 2 1/2 days. Died at West Newton of "hemmorage" buried at Gloucester.

CHILD E JOSEPH S.MERCHANT b.July 8,1853 at Belfast,Maine and died at Gloucester,a suicide on Feb.8,1904 age 50y.7m.0d.,buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. He m.Aug.14,1873 Elizabeth Hamond who was b.Sept.17,1853 and d.1934. She was

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CHILD E JOSEPH S. MERCHANT(1853-1904) & ELIZABETH HAMMOND(1853-1934)

the dau. of Andrew Hammond and Hannah Dorman.Joseph and Elizabeth begot the following children;

CHILD a IDA MERCHANT b.Dec.30,1873 more p.128

CHILD b JOSEPH H.MERCHANT b.Dec.26,1876 more p.128

CHILD c RALPH C.MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1885 more p.128

The obituary of Joseph S.Merchant;

SAD ENDING OF LIFE

POPULAR FIREMAN ENDED HIS LIFE BY HANGING.

BODY FOUND IN CAMP HOUSE

MANY FRIENDS GRIEVE OVER DEATH OF JOSEPH S.MARCHANT

Mr.Joseph S.Marchant was found dead in his camp house at Riverview,last night,having met death by hanging to a beam in the upper story of the building.

No one appears to know the cause of Mr.Marchant's rash act, as he was always considered a man of the most cheerful and hopeful disposition and the last person in the world who his friends considered would contemplate,let alone put into operation the idea of self-destruction.

Mr.Marchant was last seen alive on Monday afternoon,when he was seen going in the direction of Riverview.When he did not return that evening some little anxiety was felt regarding his whereabouts,but no one at that time suspected the cause of his non-appearance.His son,Ralph,went down to Riverview yesterday morning and looked around,but finding the camp house locked up,returned feeling sure that his father was not there. As the day advanced and night approached,however,a feeling of uneasiness swept over the family,and Mr.Horace A.Smith,son in law of the deceased,reported his disappearance to the police, and asked for an officer to go down and make a further examination of the camp house.

Officers Marsh and Trefry were detailed for that duty.On reaching the camp house,however,they were satisfied that the

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The obituary of Joseph S.Merchant continued;

man they sought was dead,and word was sent to the police,Undertaker,Aaron C.Lloyd and Medical Examiner,Quimby and they proceeded to Riverview,accompanied by the officers,Joseph H. and Ralph Marchant,sons of the dead man,Joseph Webber,Samuel Griffin and Assistant Engineer,Alfred P.Gorman.

When the party passed along Wheeler Street to the road leading to Riverview,they found that the latter had not been broken out,and it would be impossible to drive a horse and wagon down through it.Undertaker Lloyd drove in a short distance, but the horse became mired in the snow,and he was finally unharnessed,led out and tied to a fence.Dr.Quimby had already tied his horse to the fence.

The party then proceeded along the unbroken snow to the camp house,nearly a mile away.On entering the house the party searched the lower apartments,and on ascending to the attic, found the body suspended by a rope from one of the beams,his body frozen stiff as a bar of iron.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the body was cut down and carried to the ground floor,and then the party had to carry the body along the road to where the teams were located.It was a sad procession.The body was taken directly to Undertaker Lloyd's apartments.

Mr.Marchant had been dead about 24 hours.He was a native of this city,being a son of Albert and Hannah (Shepherd) Marchant,and leaves a widow,two sons,Joseph H. and Ralph,one daughter,Mrs.Horace A.Smith,three brothers,Ex-Chief Engineer, Charles S.Marchant,Edgar Marchant,Local agent of the Boston and Gloucester Steamboat Company,Edward and James Marchant of Newton,and two sisters,Mrs.Sarah A.Fisher and Mrs.Charles S. Bott.

For many years Mr.Marchant was employed at the provision store of Joseph C.Shepherd,but a short time ago engaged in the meat business on his own account.

He was a member of the Gloucester fire department for a number of years,taking the greatest interest in the success of the department and never missing a fire if it were possible for him to attend.He was a stoker of Bay View engine,number 3.

Everyone knew "Joe Marchant" as he was lovingly called by his friends.Big hearted,cheerful,kind and sympathetic,containing every quality that goes to make up a man and a good friend and companion,he made hosts of friends,every one of whom stood by him.His life long friend and fire department companion,Assistant Engineer,Alfred P.Gorman,assisted in conveying the body from

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The obituary of Joseph S.Merchant continued;

the camp house last night,and strong man that Gorman is,he did not dare to give expression to his feelings for fear that he would break down.

At the School Street engine house,the men were gathered in a group in the front part of the house.They did not like to dwell upon the subject,and as fast it was referred to every effort was made to change the conversation.They felt the loss of their fellow fireman keenly,and such depth of feeling is never more eloquently expressed than by the silence which pervaded the place.

His relatives and closest friends are at a loss to account for the act.They do not know a single reason which might place Mr.Marchant in such a frame of mind.

On every hand expressions of the most profound sympathy were expressed for the deceased and the sorrowing ones whom he has left behind.

Mr.Marchant was a member of Fernwood Lodge,Ancient Order of United Workmen,Oceanlodge and Cape Ann Encampment,I.O.O.F. His age was 50y.7m.

This morning the body was prepared for an examination by the Medical Examiner at the Undertaking rooms of Mr.Lloyd and will be removed to his home,rear 155 Washington Street,this afternoon.

The funeral will be held from his late residence Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the services will be conducted by Rev.William H.Rider D.D.

Times Feb.10,1904

LAID AT REST

FUNERAL OF JOSEPH S.MARCHANT LARGELY ATTENDED BY FIREMEN

The funeral of the late Joseph S.Marchant was held from his home on Beauport Avenue,yesterday afternoon and was attended by a large circle of relatives and friends.The services were of a simple yet impressive character conducted by Rev.William H.Rider D.D.,who spoke in feeling terms of the life of the deceased,his devotion to the fire department and the good feeling which existed for him on every hand.He closed with words of tender sympathy to the family of the deceased.The body was taken to Oak Grove Cemetery.

A large delegation of firemen of the dead man followed their departed brother to his last resting place,marshalled by Chief

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The obituary of Joseph S.Merchant continued;

> Engineer,Charles W.Crowe.The pall bearers were Frank Griffin, Edward L.Saville,William E.Tucker and Walter Collins,all members of the fire department.
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> There were many floral tributes,including pieces from the School Street engine companies,the Firemens Relief Association, and the family and friends of the deceased.
>
> Times Feb.13,1904

F.R.M. writting on Oct.20,1985 - "Concerning the taking of ones own life - SUICIDE. The question first arises,Why? Is it because of some approaching disaster? The dread of possible humealation? A mental disturbance? Or some other reason?

The taking of ones own life is forbidden in the teaching of both the Jewish and Christian Faiths.It being regarded as the sin of murder.In the past,those who accomplished the deed were sometimes buried outside of the public Cemeteries and sometimes even in the road - to show public disapproval of the deed and perhaps to discourge anyone living to attempt such a deed.

Often the "problem" of the suicide victim,although appearing monstrous at the time,may have been of a moment nature,and if such person had endured a little longer,there may have been a chanel of hope. The night may bring fear and dread, the thought of impending doom but the morning brings light and life - the creation of a new day. Let us remember;

> "The dead praise not the L-rd
> niether any that go down into silence."
>
> Psalms 115:17

I think it wise not to pre-judge the victim of suicide,we should not pass judgement until the day arrives when it is appointed to do so - that day is not yet.There is simply too much that we do not know.

PAIN - If such might be the case,how much pain can we be expected to bear? How much can we expect others to bear? (There was a certain woman who was dying of terminal cancer.She was bedridden and suffered increasing pain,therefor begging the doctor to give her something in which to end her suffering. He helped her as much as humanly possible but the pain grew worse as her body daily surrendered to the disease. She begged the doctor for some release. He could not give her anything directly in which to end her life,he could not convince her to fight on for it was hopeless.In compassion and at the point of utter helplessness he left some medicine within her reach,if she was determined

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F.R.M. continues writting on SUICIDE;

to take it then it was her choose,and so she did. Can we honestly judge such a person suffering so intensly,when we ourselves have not arrived at such a place?

MENTAL DISTURBANCE - Despression,such can be treated if detected in time. In regards to our cousin Joseph S.Merchant,it apparently was not known then and not now why he took his life.It would seem from what we read in his obituary that it was most likely depression which came upon him.If it had been a rational cause,it would seem that his family would have some knowledge of it but did not, nor did his co-workers. His life proved him to be an honourable man,both at home and at work,we will continue to hold him in such esteem now and as we visit his grave at Oak Grove Cemetery,we do so with a touch of sadness,relizing that his life was shortend,but like others who are likewise there,they must remain in this state until the Day of the L-rd and it is then that they shall be released from the graves that hold them,and then we shall see our cousin Joseph and those that have gone on before.

Although we are expected to seek life and to endure its trials and tribulations until the end,there will be some exceptionaly trying and desperate times that we must face,how shall we react to them?

G-ds will;

> "Do not invite death by the error of your life,
> nor bring on destruction by the works of your hands;
> because G-d did not make death,and he does not
> delight in the death of the living."
>
> Wisdom 1:12-13

What G-d will do;

> "Therefore the Creator of the world,
> who shaped the beginning of man and
> devised the origin of all things,
> will in his mercy give life and breath
> back to you again,since you now forget
> yourselves for the sake of his laws."
>
> 2 Maccabees 7:23

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

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CHILD E JOSEPH S.MERCHANT(1853-1904) & ELIZABETH HAMMOND(1853-1934)

The history of their children follows;

CHILD a IDA MERCHANT b.Dec.30,1873 and m.Nov.23,1899 Joseph H.Smith who was b.1876 and was the son of Sylvann Smith and Eliza C.Rowe.No information on offspring.

CHILD b JOSEPH H.MERCHANT b.Dec.26,1876 and m.Nov.23,1899 Grace L.Marr who was the dau. of Charles A.Marr and Kate Oliver.Joseph recorded as "He a bookeeper".They begot the following children;

CHILD b 1 GARDNER H.MERCHANT b.April 11,1901

CHILD b 2 MERCHANT dau. b.June 25,1904

CHILD c RALPH C.MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1885 and m.Oct.23,1906 Anna E. Anderson who was the dau. of John Anderson and Catherine Kelley. Ralph was an "electrician". They begot the following children;

CHILD c 1 ELIZABETH SMITH MERCHANT b.Dec.28,1906

CHILD c 2 CATHERINE B.MERCHANT b.July 28,1908

CHILD F EDGAR MERCHANT b.Aug.31,1855 and d.Feb.2,1928.He m.June 7,1877 Hattie B.Parkhurst,she b.June 8,1857 and was dau. of Hugh Parkhurst and Eliza S.Parsons.We have a record of only one child begotten by this couple;

CHILD a EFFIE P.MERCHANT b.April 29,1878 and m.April 22,1909 Joseph B.Langsford who was b.1877 and was the son of Lyman B.Langsford and Orah Norwood. A notice of their marriage in the Times;

LANGSFORD - MERCHANT - In this city,April 22,by Rev.George S. Anderson,Joseph B.Langsford and Miss Effie P.Merchant.

The obituary of Edgar Merchant follows;

MERCHANT - In this city,Feburary 2,Edgar Merchant,72 years. Funeral from his late home,29 Commonwealth Avenue, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Feb.3,1928

Note - Hattie B.Parkhurst wife of Edgar Merchant d.1942,see Child F.above.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

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CHILD F EDGAR MERCHANT(1855-1928) & HATTIE PARKHURST(1857-1942)

More obituary on Edgar Merchant;

EDGAR MERCHANT FORMER STEAMSHIP
AGENT PASSED ON

Edgar Merchant,agent for the former Boston and Gloucester Steamship Company for many years and holder of that position while that company enjoyed its most prosperous period,died at his home,29 Commonwealth Avenue,yesterday at the age of 72 years.

Mr.Merchant was a native of Gloucester,being the son of Albert and Hannah (Shepherd) Merchant.He spent the greater part of his life with the steamship line up to the time of his retirement about 10 years ago.

He was prominent in Masonic circles and was a member of Tyrian Lodge,A.F. & A.M.,William Ferson Royal Arch Chapter, and Bethleham Commandery,K.T.,and Aleppo Temple,Nobles of the Mustic Shrine.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter,Mrs.Effie,wife of Joseph B.Langsford of this city,and a granddaughter ------ (the rest of this clipping is missing)

EDGAR MERCHANT

Funeral services for Edgar Merchant were held from his late home,29 Commonwealth Avenue,yesterday afternoon,being conducted by Rev.John Clarence Lee D.D.,of the Independent Christian Church (Universalist).

The Masonic ritual service was conducted by Harold C.Wolfe, worshipful master of Tyrian Lodge and Rev.Robert P.Doremus, the Chaplain.

Representatives were in attendance from Tyrain Lodge A.F. and A.M.,William Ferson Chapter R.A.C.,Bethleham Commandery K.T.,of which Masonic bodies the deceased was treasurer for a number of years;Wingaersheek Tribe,Improved Order Red Men of which Mr.Merchant was a charter member,and Ocean Lodge,I.O.O.F., of which he was a past noble grand.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers at the home, testifying to the friendship in which the deceased was held.

Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery,the pall bearers being four nephews of the deceased,George V.Fisher,Chief Homer R. Merchant of the fire department,Albert S.Bott and Cheever Hersey (remainder is missing).(The last name Cheever Hersey, was husband to Eliza Bott who was a neice to Edgar.)

The Boston - Gloucester Steamboat Wharf

Edgar Merchant (son of Albert Merchant and Hannah Shephard) was agent and manager of the company.The wharf was destroyed by fire,Dec.18,1926. (Photo taken in 1913)

(From the collection of Gorden W.Thomas)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

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CHILD IV ALBERT MERCHANT(1818-1886) & HANNAH V.SHEPHERD(1818-1893)

Their seventh child was;

CHILD G JAMES F.MERCHANT b.Feb.25,1859
R.D.M. - The records on this cousin are either lost or misplaced.G.E.M. has him numbered so as to indicate further records.

CHILD H HANNAH VOSS MERCHANT b.July 10,1861 and m.Sept.4,1888 Charles S.Bott son of James L.Bott and Elizabeth H.Hersey.He was b.Sept.22,1860 and d.May 19,1927 at Gloucester.His obituary follows.We find three children but have no dates or order of birth.

CHILD a SALLY BOTT

CHILD b ELIZA BOTT She married Cheever Hersey

CHILD c ALBERT D.BOTT

CHARLES S.BOTT DIES AT GLOUCESTER

May 19 - City Treasurer Charles Sumner Bott,66,died this afternoon at his home,45 Beacon Street,after an intermittent illness of more than a year.He was a native of this city,the son of James L. and Eliza Hersey Bott.

After his graduation from the high school he embarked in the harness business some 30 years ago.In 1920 his son,Albert H., and son in law,Cheever Hersey,took over the business.

In 1923 Mr.Bott was elected tax collector and in 1925 city treasurer.A year ago he was taken ill and was confined to the house until three months ago,when he resumed his duties,but had to relinquish them two weeks ago.At the session of the Municipal Council last night,Miss Alice Colby,the assistant city clerk,was chosen treasurer ----- pending his resumption of duty.

Mr.Bott was married to Miss Hannah V.Merchant of this city. She and three children survive.The children are Miss Sally Bott, Mrs.Eliza Hersey,and Albert D.Bott.He was an attendant at the Independent Christian Universalist Church.The funeral arrangements will be made later.

We have now finished the children of Albert Merchant,Hannah (Child H) being the last of eight children.We will now return to our uncle James Merchant and his wife,Mary Friend,Albert (Child IV) is finished so will go on to;

CHILD V RICHARD FRIEND MERCHANT b.Dec.22,1819 and d.June 29,1903 at Danvers Insane Asylum and was buried at Central Cemetery,Beverly.He intended marriage

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

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CHILD V RICHARD F.MERCHANT(1819-1903) & ELIZABETH WELLS(no data)

to Rebecca Haskell Sept.21,1845.The rest of the records on this cousin are unclear and incomplete.G.E.M. says he married Elizabeth Wells of Beverly but has no date.He also states that he was of New Bedford.He records that the Tel. March 25,1846 reports Richard petitioned to change his name.The Vit.Rec. state that he was an "expressman".G.E.M. says Richard had only four children,but we find only two.It is unclear who the mother was but probably Elizabeth Wells.

CHILD A WALTER P.MERCHANT b.Aug.10,1848 and d.July 10,1853 (Disease of the heart)

CHILD B RICHARD E.MERCHANT b.June 14,1851 and d.Jan.21,1869 at Gloucester of "Disease of the brain".

CHILD VI MARY FRIEND MERCHANT b.April 30,1822.G.E.M. writes at an unknown date: "and died before 1851;m.Jan.31,1841 Theodore Brown of Salem.She moved to Salem and died there.Had two sons by him,both dead.He still lives there and has married again."

CHILD VII EMILY FRIEND MERCHANT b.Nov.17,1824 and G.E.M. records that "She died at Boston,brought here for burial,about five years ago."(no date given) She m.Dec.16,1840 Charles E.Swift son of Calvin Swift and Susan Oakes.He was a sailmaker,"Swift & Prindall". Was deputy of fire department in 1858.He was b. Abt.1820 (no birth in Vit.Rec.) and d.July 24,1864 "age 44 years".Childrens records on this couple are rather incomplete.They will be listed and lettered but the actual order of birth not known.

CHILD A EDIE SWIFT (died young)

CHILD B EMMA SWIFT b.1845 (Vit.Rec. has a dau. died Jan.11,1845,perhaps her)

CHILD C IDA SWIFT b.June 8,1847

CHILD D CHARLES SWIFT b.Jan.8,1849

CHILD E FREDDIE SWIFT b.April 12,1854 (probably) and d.April 5,1863 of "meningitis" age 8y.11m.23d. (10-155)

CHILD F WILLIE SWIFT

CHILD G EDITH SWIFT Of these last two we have only names.

CHILD VIII EPES WILLIAM MERCHANT b.March 15,1827 and d.Nov.29,1857 of "consumption" age 30y.8m.14d. He m.May 23,1850 Alice Lufkin dau. of David Lufkin and Louisa Steele.She was b.Nov.27,1831 and was alive as a remarried widow aged over 93 at the death of her son Clarence on Dec.28,1924. (See his obituary) Epes Merchant and Alice Lufkin begot but one child - see next page.

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD VIII EPES W.MERCHANT(1827-1857) & ALICE LUFKIN(1831-)

G.E.M. wrote of Epes William Merchant - "Was first a fisherman,a teamster and plumber,learning the latter trade from Simeon Merchant,and taking over the business when the latter went to California in 1849.He later sold this business to George Merchant Jr. who continued the same for the following two years.Epes took up the teaming business then. Soon after this he had a ---- (word unclear) growth,which upon an operation being performed,was followed by consumption which caused his death in 1857.From "Uncle Charlie" Merchant,I have the statement that Epes Merchant was a fine type of man in every sense of the word,and his early decease was deplored by all friends."

Their one child was;

CHILD A CLARENCE EUGENE MERCHANT b.April 4,1851 at Gloucester and d. Dec.28,1924 at Palm Beach,Florida.He m.Sept.27,1873 Martha Ellen Brown at Scituate,Mass. She was dau. of Charles E.Brown and Harriet A.Sanborn.She was b.April 14,1854.We do not have a death date on her,she is not mentioned in her husband's obituary in 1925.Her father was a representative to the Legislature, from Scituate in 1883.

G.E.M. writes on Clarence: "In early life Clarence E.Merchant decided to go west but later when grasshoppers and the 'ague' had made life miserable in Kansas, he decided to journey East again to his old home in Massachusetts.Later in life, he went to Florida,and in 1921,was an engineer of a powerboat at West Palm Beach.He died at West Palm Beach of some "kidney trouble"
He was at one time a member of Co.F. of Scituate 43rd Mass.Reg. under General Foster and Captain Soule.

Clarence E.Merchant and his wife,Martha E.Brown begot the following children;

CHILD a ALBERT DICKERMAN MERCHANT b.Nov.4,1875 more p.135

CHILD b HARRIETT SANBORN MERCHANT b.June 14,1879 more p.135

CHILD c STELLA ALICE MERCHANT b.April 14,1887 more p.135

CHILD d CLIVE CLARENCE MERCHANT b.Oct.19,1888 more p.135

The obituary of Clarence E.Merchant;

DEATH TAKES A FORMER RESIDENT

CAPT.CLARENCE E.MERCHANT PASSES AWAY AT
PALM BEACH,FLORIDA

With the death,December 26, of Capt.Clarence E.Merchant, West Palm Beach lost another of its pioneer residents and one who had seen this section develope from a dense tropical jungle

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD VIII EPES W.MERCHANT(1827-1857) & ALICE LUFKIN(1831-)

CHILD A CLARENCE E.MERCHANT(1851-1924) & MARTHA E.BROWN(1854-)

The obituary of Clarence E.Merchant continued;

to its present advanced state.

Suffering from Bright's disease for the past month,Capt. Merchant was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital a week ago where he died yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.He is survived by his widow and two sons and two daughters,Clive Merchant,local boat builder;Albert Merchant of the Home Nursery;Mrs.E.S. Fowler and Mrs.Stella Rowley,all of this city.

Coming to Florida about 40 years ago from Massachusetts, Mr.Merchant moved to what was known as the Lake Worth section 34 years ago,and bought the plot on Thirty-eighth Avenue and North Poinsettia Street on which he lived until his death.

Capt.Merchant loved the water and as a boat builder and skipper had acquired an enviable reputation in this section. He was one of the most well known characters in this city,as he had taken scores of passengers on fishing and excursion trips on his boats.

The funeral of Capt.C.E.Merchant,prominent local citizen and pioneer here,was marked by simple yet impressive rites. The services were held at Ferguson's Chapel with Dr.A.G.Lyon of the Congregational Church officiating,and burial at Woodlawn.

The pallbearers were E.C.Black,W.E.Poland Jr.,F.A.Rowley, B.L.Steen,W.T.Vass,and G.S.Rowley.

The funeral was attended by many friends and relatives of the deceased,and the profuse floral offerings gave eloquent tribute to the high esteem in which he was held.

A FORMER GLOUCESTERITE

The above notice from Palm Beach Post,marks the passing of a former Gloucester citizen,a native here,born April 4,1851, his age being at his death 73 years,8 months,22 days,son of Epes William and Alice (Lufkin) Merchant,and a descendant of two of Gloucester's oldest families:of Jabez Merchant,1721,the first of the Merchant name in Gloucester;and of Moses Lufkin, the drummer boy of the Revolution.

Early in life Mr.Merchant left Gloucester,and after his marriage to Miss Martha E.Brown of Scituate in 1873,went to Kansas.Here after an experience with the ague and an encounter with the grasshopper plague,he decided to return to Massachusetts.

LOCATED IN SOUTH

In doing this he got rid of the grasshoppers but not of the

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD VIII EPES W.MERCHANT(1827-1857) & ALICE LUFKIN(1831-)

CHILD A CLARENCE E.MERCHANT(1851-1924) & MARTHA E.BROWN(1854-)

The obituary of Clarence E.Merchant continued;

> ague,and so turned his face towards the "tropical jungles" of Florida.Here as stated by the Post,he made his home,acting at times as a guide for hunting parties,in the taking out of boating parties,etc.,and as a boat builder.By fortunate investment in real estate holdings,he acquired property which netted him a good living.
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> Capt.Merchant's last visit to Gloucester was some three years since when he enjoyed himself to the full.After the death of his father in 1857,his mother married Asa Josselyn, a well known Boston pilot.The mother is living at East Boston, having passed her 93rd birthday on November 27,1924.

The history of the children of Clarence E.Merchant and Martha E.Brown;

CHILD a ALBERT DICKERMAN MERCHANT b.Nov.4,1875 at Scituate and m. Sept.15,1912 Hattimae Cash.They begot;

CHILD a 1 ALBERT DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.June 19,1913

CHILD a 2 LYNN EUGENE MERCHANT b.Feb.28,1916

CHILD a 3 NEDDIE CASH MERCHANT b.Jan.16,1920

CHILD b HARRIETT SANBORN MERCHANT b.June 14,1879 at Boston and m. Aug.2,1900 Edmund Sawyer Fowler.They begot;

CHILD b 1 EDMUND MERCHANT FOWLER b.June 22,1901

CHILD b 2 ZETA VOLURIA FOWLER b.Dec.7,1903

CHILD b 3 LILLIAN CLAIRE FOWLER b.Dec.30,1910

CHILD b 4 JAMES WINSTON FOWLER b.July 6,1914

CHILD c STELLA ALICE MERCHANT b.April 14,1887 at Ponce Park,Florida and m.April 30,1909 Julian Moore Rowley.They begot;

CHILD c 1 JULIAN M.ROWLEY JR. b.Nov.16,1910

CHILD c 2 MURIEL ALICE ROWLEY b.March 21,1911 (perhaps meant 1912)

CHILD d CLIVE CLARENCE MERCHANT b.Oct.19,1888 at Ponce Park,Florida and m.Jan.28,1912 Mary Ursula Hendrickson.They begot; (next page)

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD VIII EPES W.MERCHANT(1827-1857) & ALICE LUFKIN(1831-)

CHILD A CLARENCE E.MERCHANT(1851-1924) & MARTHA E.BROWN(1854-)

CHILD d CLIVE C.MERCHANT(1888-) & MARY U.HENDRICKSON(-)

They begot;

CHILD d 1 RUSSELL DUNNING MERCHANT b.Aug.6,1914

CHILD d 2 DORIS KATHERINE MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1917

G.E.M. notes here that the information on the children of Clarence E.Merchant was obtained from Mrs.George Welch in 1927.

CHILD IX ABIGAIL OBER KIMBALL MERCHANT b.Jan.20,1829 and d.Jan.14,1851 of "consumption" age 22 (correct age 21y.11m.25d.) Bp.Dec.13,1840 at the 6th church,m.Oct.29,1846 Charles Saville,son of William Saville and Sally Boyle Littlehale.He was b.Dec.12,1816 and d.March 12,1906.They begot but one child;

CHILD A ABBIE O.SAVILLE (no data but was alive March 12,1906 See Obit.) She m.Nov.25,1865 (10-126) Oran S.Richards of Manchester,N.H.,he was son of L.P.E.Richards and Louisa Wheeler. G.E.M. has the following on the husband; "Scott Richards,husband of Abby O.Richards,is at Kansas City,Mo. in a bank, for the last nine years (1892).Was divorced seven years ago at Independence, Mo. Was a State Commander of G.A.R.,Maj.William Warner's Staff under title Lieutenant Col.He was married a second time,and has one son age about four years."

Obituary of Charles Saville,husband of Abigail Merchant;

CHARLES SAVILLE DEAD

DESCENDANT OF OLD FAMILY AND CALIFORNIA PIONEER

Mr.Charles Saville,one of Gloucester's oldest male residents, passed away at his home,216 Essex Avenue,West Gloucester,on Saturday,in his 90th year,having been ill about a week.Up to a week ago Sunday he had enjoyed good health,and was exceedingly active,and on that morning he was found unconscious in the yard. There were several bruises on the head,and he contracted a cold from exposure,bording almost on pneumonia.Whether or not he was stricken with a shock and fell or lost his balance under normal conditions is not known.

The deceased descended from one of Gloucester's oldest and best known families,being a descendant of Thomas Saville,an early settler at Annisquam,who came from Malden.His parents were William and Sarah Saville.the former,who in his day was one of the leading citizens of the town,being born in the Saville

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD IX ABIGAIL O.K.MERCHANT(1829-1851) & CHARLES SAVILLE(1816-1906)

Obituary of Charles Saville continued;

> homestead at Vincent Spring on March 17,1770,and d.January 12, 1853,in the 83rd year of age.He gained the title of "Master" Saville,being a teacher in the public schools,and served as town clerk from 1827 to 1848 and treasurer in 1809,1810 and 1811.
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> The early life of the deceased was spent entirely at sea, making many trips to South America and other foreign countries, his first voyage being made when he was but 12 years of age. When a young man,he was taken with the Californian gold fever, and in 1849,set out with an expedition from this port for San Francisco in the schooner,Sea Serpent.
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> He remained in California 10 or 12 years,and upon his return he accepted the position of keeper of Thacher's Island light houses where he remained for seven years.He then entered the employ of the New England Fish Company as bookkeeper,continuing until declining years made it necessary to abandon active labors.He then retired,and took up his residence with his only surviving daughter,Mrs.Abbie O.Richards,where he has since made his home.
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> He was one of six children,having two brothers,George and Richard L.Saville and three sisters,Mrs.Ester Somes,Mrs.Aria Hovey and Miss Sarah Saville,all of whom are now dead.
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> The funeral will be held at his late home - (rest missing)

CHILD X BENJAMIN WILLIAMS MERCHANT b.April 8,1832 and d.April 7,1868 age 36. He m.Nov.20,1852 (Int.) Sarah Wheeler.She was b.Feb.5,1834 and d.Nov.28,1883 age 49y.9m. She was the dau. of Daniel Wheeler of Rockport and Sarah Andrews of Gloucester.Benjamin was a "Blacksmith" all his life.G.E.M. has a note; "Benjamin W.Merchant sold for mortgage to James Merchant for $750.00 a building used as a blacksmith shop 32x22 feet situated on land belonging to John Parsons near Front Street;also all tools." (personal property No 8 p.178-179) Benjamin and Sarah begot;

CHILD A SARAH LIZZIE MERCHANT b.Oct.24,1860 and d.- She m.March 28,1884 John B.Freeman.He was b.Nov.25,1862 and was son of James M.Freeman and Mary Jewett.They begot;

CHILD a BENJAMIN W.FREEMAN b.Jan.9,1887

The obituary of Sarah Wheeler,wife of Benjamin W.Merchant;

> Mrs.Sarah W.Marchant,widow of the late Benjamin Marchant, residing on Western Avenue,died very suddenly on Wednesday, Nov.28,of apoplexy.She was a daughter of Daniel and Sarah

Descendants of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD X BENJAMIN W.MERCHANT(1832-1868) & SARAH WHEELER(1834-1883)

The obituary of Sarah Wheeler,wife of Benjamin W.Merchant continued;

> Wheeler,and was much esteemed by a large circle of friends, who with her only daughter will sincerely mourn her sudden death.Her age was 49 years and 9 months.

CHILD XI FREDERICK NORWOOD MERCHANT b.July 18,1834 and d.Nov.4,1921 at age 87y.3m.16d. He m.July 6,1856 Sophia Gaffney.She was b.Oct.3,1837 and d.Feb.9, 1864 of "consumption" at age 26y.4m.6d. From Fred's obituary below,we note that he married 2nd Mary Jane Rogers but no date or mention of children by her. G.E.M. states"Fred Norwood Merchant had but one child".Fred outlived his only child.

CHILD A ETTA MERCHANT b.Oct.21,1856 more p.139

The obituary of Frederick N.Merchant;

> MARCHANT - At Riverdale,November 4,Frederick N.Marchant,87 years,3 months,17 days.Funeral services at the Bradford Memorial Chapel,Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

> I READ WITH regret of the passing of Frederick N.Marchant of Riverdale who had lived to the ripe age of 87 years.He will be remembered as one of the best of the older gunners and sportsmen of Cape Ann and as a lover of dogs.For many years,he used to care for dogs who might be sick and while not a veterinary, he somehow knew what to do with a sick dog.And many of the young gunners will recall many pleasant hours with him on their gunning expeditions.He was a genial friend and companion to those who knew him intimately.
>
> Nov.6,1921

FUNERAL OF FREDERICK MARCHANT

> The funeral of Frederick Marchant took place from the Bradford Memorial yesterday afternoon,at 2:30 o'clock,services being conducted by Rev.William H.Rider,D.D.
>
> Mr.Marchant was born July 18,1834,being the son of James and Mary (Friend) Marchant,and the youngest of 11 children,all of whom have passed away.He married Sophia Gaffney July 6,1856, who died Febuary 8,1864.One daughter was born to them,Mrs.Etta, wife of Arthur R.Tucker,who passed away October 6,1920.On July 6,1865,he married Mary Jane Rogers,who survives him,also four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren,two nieces and two nephews.

Descendants Of William and his wife,Hannah Wheeler.

CHILD NO.5.JAMES MERCHANT(1787-1872) & MARY FRIEND(1793-1882)

CHILD XI FREDERICK N.MERCHANT(1834-1921) & SOPHIA GAFFNEY(1837-1864)

The obituary of Frederick N.Merchant continued;

> Mr.Marchant was a great lover of nature,and the outdoor life,to which he attributed his long and healthy life. He was well known by most of the older people,and many of the younger people of the Cape.Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.
>
> Nov.11,1921

CHILD A.ETTA MERCHANT b.Oct.21,1856 and d.Oct.7,1920 at age 63y.11m.17d. She m.Dec.26,1875 Arthur M.Tucker (Obit.says Arthur R.) We have little information on him.Was alive Oct.1920 (wife's obituary). Etta and Arthur begot;

CHILD a FRED MERCHANT TUCKER b.Dec.10,1880. Alive Oct.1920-mothers obit.

CHILD b ARTHUR C.TUCKER b.Feb.27,1882 " " " " "

CHILD c GRACE TUCKER b.May 21,1884 (died young)

CHILD d GRACE G.TUCKER b.May 15,1885 married Elias Sweet of Everett. There is no mention of any children in her mother's obituary

CHILD e EDITH TUCKER Only information is from her mother's obituary. She married Chester Parsons and begot an Olive Parsons.

There are ten grandchildren listed in Etta's obituary but it is not clear who the Tucker children belong to. Her obituary follows;

> TUCKER - At Riverdale,Oct.7,Mrs.Etta (Marchant) wife of Arthur R. Tucker,63 years,11 months,17 days.Funeral from her late home, 489 Washington Street on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

> Mrs.Etta,wife of Arthur Tucker,passed away at her late home yesterday morning after a lingering illness,at the age of 63 years,11 months,17 days.She has been ill for the past six years, taking to her bed about 11 weeks ago.
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> Mrs.Tucker was the daughter of Fred Marchant and the late Sophia (Gaffney) Marchant.She married Arthur R.Tucker December 26,1875.She possessed a retireing disposition,was a kind neighbor,a loving wife and mother.
>
> The deceased is survived by her husband,Arthur R.Tucker,and four children,Mrs.Grace,wife of Elias Sweet of Everett,Mrs. Edith,wife of Chester Parsons,Fred M.,and Arthur C.Tucker,also 10 grandchildren,Madeline,Jennie,Marguerite,Doris and James Tucker,Olive Parsons,Grace,Eunice,Emerson and Fred Tucker,all of this place.
>
> Oct.8,1920

In behalf of the sea-faring men of our family,who fought and braved the terrors of the sea and struggled to draw a living from its dephs,we hereby dedicate the following well known poem to their memory.

THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS

by Henry W.Longfellow

It was the schooner Hesperus
That sailed the wintry sea;
And the skipper had taken his little daughter
To bear him company

Blue were her eyes as the fairy flax,
Her cheeks like the dawn of day
And her bosom white as the hawthorne buds,
That ope in the month of May.

The skipper he stood beside the helm,
His pipe was in his mouth,
And he watched how the veering flaw did blow
The smoke,now west,now south.

Then up and spake an old sailor,
Had sailed the Spanish main:
"I pray thee put into yonder port,
For I fear a hurricane."

"Last night the moon had a golden ring,
And tonight no moon we see!"
The skipper he blew a whiff from his pipe,
And a scornful laugh laughed he.

Colder and louder blew the wind,
A gale from the northeast;
The snow fell hissing in the brine,
And the billows frothed like yeast.

Down came the storm and smote amain
The vessel in its strength;
She shuddered and paused,like a frighted steed,
Then leaped her cable's length.

"Come hither! come hither! my little daughter,
And do not tremble so.
For I can weather the roughest gale,
That ever wind did blow."

He wrapped her warm in his seaman's coat
Against the stinging blast;
He cut a rope from a broken spar,
And bound her to the mast.

THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS - continued

"O,father! I hear the church bells ring;
O,say,what may it be?"
"Tis a fog bell on a rock-bound coast,"
And he steered for the open sea.

"O,father I hear the sound of guns;
O,say,what may it be?"
"Some ship in distress that cannot live
In such an angry sea."

"O,father! I see a gleaming light;
O,say,what may it be?"
But the father answered never a word,
A frozen corpse was he.

Lashed to the helm,all stiff and stark.
With his face turned to the skies,
The lantern gleamed through the gleaming snow,
On his fixed and glassy eyes.

Then the maiden clasped her hands and prayed,
That saved she might be,
And she thought of Christ,who stilled the wave
On the Lake of Galilee.

And fast through the midnight dark and drear,
Through the whistling sleet and snow,
Like a sheeted ghost the vessel swept
Toward the reef of Normans Woe.

And ever the fitful gusts between
A sound came from the land;
It was the sound of the trampling surf
On the rocks and the hard sea sand.

The breakers were right beneath her bow,
She drifted a dreary wreck,
And a whooping billow swept the crew
Like icicles from her deck.

She struck where the white and fleecy waves
Looked soft as carded wool,
But the cruel rocks they gored her side,
Like the horns of an angry bull.

Her rattling shrouds,all sheathed in ice,
With the masts went by the board;
Like a vessel of glass she stove and sank,
Ho! Ho! the breakers roared.

THE WRECK OF THE HESPERUS - continued

At daybreak,on the bleak sea beach,
   A fisherman stood aghast,
To see the form of a maiden fair
   Lashed close to a drifting mast.

The salt sea was frozen on her breast,
   The salt tears in her eyes,
And he saw her hair,like the brown seaweed,
   On the billows fall and rise.

Such was the wreck of the Hesperus,
   In the midnight and the snow!
Christ save us all from a death like this,
   On the reef of Normans Woe!

4

--- EPES MERCHANT ---

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business ?
he shall stand before kings."
Proverbs 22:29

Epes Merchant was b.Oct.21,1780 and d.April 10,1859,fisherman,master mariner and outfitter,member of the Coast Guard during War of 1812.(Captured by the English privateer "Polly" and later released)Captain in the Militia,prominent in school affairs,holding several town offices.Married Dec.1,1803 Sally Rowe Thomas,dau. of William Thomas and Martha Rowe.She was b.Aug.4,1782 (Bp.Aug.10, 1782) and d.Oct.17,1869 aged 87y. - This beginning paragraph from the writtings of Roy D.Merchant.Epes and Sally,as noted were married in 1803,he was age 23 and she was age 21.This marriage produced ten children and lasted over 45 years, being terminated by the death of the husband in 1859 at age of 78y. We find in the Vit.Rec. of the city of Gloucester that Epes died of "disease of the heart" and Sally died of "old age". Epes obituary was brief;

Cape Ann Advertizer - April 15,1859

April 10,1859 - EPES MERCHANT ,78 years,6 months.

The following records are from notes of G.E.M. and extracted from badly shuffled and un-numbered pages.They are copied vertabim and a ----- substituted for illegible words.

Epes Merchant was born,it is supposed,at that part of Gloucester known as Pigeon Cove.His schooling was limited to what could be obtained in the primitive schools of the day.His story of that part of his life being of an attendance at a log school house,the school year being limited to three or four months in the year.

Upon the death of his father (William) in 1802,he with his brothers,William, Nathaniel and James removed to Gloucester (Nov.1803) where they engaged in the hazardous calling as boat fishermen.Epes at this time was living at what was then known as the (Dean) Elizer Grover house at No.Main Street and it was here that he set up his house-keeping after marriage and George was born there.The house at this time,was in an unfinished state.It was built by a man by the name of Rowe some 100 years before.It is related that an Englishman named Qualls or Cwalls,a man who had been a soldier in Burgoyne's Army,and was with it at its surrender,offered to finish off the house if Epes would board him for the winter.The offer was accepted and the work was completed in a manner of which a workman of today,even with modern tools need not be ashamed.About 1834-5 an addition was made to the northern and earlier end.His home was

synonmous for good living.A barn on the premises sheltered three cows and a horse,and the fodder for keeping the same came from several lots of land of which he was provided.

The mother of Epes at this time was making her home alternatly with the sons.

During the war of 1812-1815,while fishing for cod on Middle Bank,during the summer season,he was taken by the English topsail schooner,the privateer,"Polly". He with his crew were taken on board of the schooner and held prisoner for several days.The Englishmen then took the boat and went to Portsmouth,N.H. and attempted to cut out a Yankee schooner,but failed.In the meantime,a big 74 gun English ship,named "La-Hroque" laid on Middle Bank all summer,and the Polly used to report as often as possible.A few days after this,Mr.Merchant was overjoyed to see his boat returning and after being treated in great kindness,he with his crew were released and allowed to sail away.The "Polly was formerly a U.S. clipper,and a great sailer.

He was at this time a member of the coast guard,and the story is told of him that he with his comrads once followed an English schooner from Eastern Point to Long Beach in order to prevent the crew from landing.During this walk of six miles,he and his men were obliged to ford what is now known as "the River" at high water,carrying their powder on their heads.

He was afterwards a Captain in the East Ward Company,his commision being from the State and was said to be one of the handsomest officers,being of ---- stature,six feet----- in his stocking feet,straight as an arrow,and of good build and smart as a steel trap.It is related of him that one time John Wonson and several others in his company refused to come out,as being fishermen,upon the regular muster day.He promptly arrested the offending members.He had a very handsome uniform,his sash it is said costing $40.00.It was of silk,large enough to go around his body twice and tie a knot at the side.It was designed to be used as an ambulance in case of the wounding of the wearer."
(R.D.M.) I interrupt here to note that it was perhaps illegal to arrest the fishermen for not appearing at the muster.They may have been exempt.The following 'copied notes' by G.E.M. show how the fishermen won a judgement of $700. against Epes.They also show the sad state of the Militia Company Oct.8,1822. The stories about Epes were probably passed down to G.E.M. thru George,son of Epes and grandfather of G.E.M. Son George was 52 at the death of Epes and G.E.M. was 46 at the death of George,so we may assume that the family tradition stories are reasonably accurate.We return to G.E.M.'s writings;
"It is not known when he abanoned the sea life for the home life of an outfitter but as early as 1820 he must have been thus engaged.He began the partnership in 1825 with his son,Epes W. with the Hornet,Volant,and Emblem,all about 45 tons.Son Epes W.,who had just reached his majority,was taken in as partner, and the firm was continued until about 1848.The firm was dissolved and Gorham, Addison,and Samuel at the same stand-------s.Smith & Company. Gorham died soon after and the firm was continued by Addison and Samuel.The firm broke up again at the death of Samuel in 1860.

Epes bought in 1815,the land and dwelling thereon from the corner of what is now known as Point Hill to the top of the hill for $140. and where he made his home till his death in 1859.

The following notes typed from G.E.M. original records;

Epes Merchant was commisioned Feb.26,1818,as Captain of the East - Ward Company attached to the Second Regt.,1st Brigade,2nd Division of the Mass. Militia.In 1822,the records relate how at an inspection and drill,held Oct.8, "the regiment never appeared to greater disadvantage,the music being very slim, having only one fife in the rank,and that belonged to Jackson Edward.Capt. Merchant and Capt.Ireland's Companies came on parade without any music whatever --- there seems to be a general depreciation in the requirement of disapline and equipment ----
The Squam Company in paticular who mustered only 25 men and some of them without cartriges,belts,bayonets,knapsacks and hardly a gun."

Epes was Lieutenant and afterwords a Captain in the East-Ward Company with 190 men on the roll.

John Wonson and others sued him for ---- and he lost $700.
(George about 15 at the time)

William was a Lieutenant for seven years.

Old Dr.Ferson tried to find his regiment after the war,then went to Newport and went Captain on a Brig to Surinam.

Aug.12,1811
Epes Merchant was registered as a member of the Universal Independant Society.

Epes Merchant bought Jan.14,1815,of Ignatious and Sarah Sargent a dwelling house and land,bounded;

> "Southerly by the Eastern Point Road,
> 19 rods 11 links,to an old cross road,
> thence easterly by said cross road,to
> Eleazer Grovers land,thence by said
> Grovers northerly 19 rods,more or less
> to a stake upon Little Good Harbor Road
> thence westerly 6 rods by said road to
> the corner first mentioned,containing
> 1 1/2 acre more or less formerly of
> Daniel Sargent."

This agreement made and concluded the thirtieth day of March,one thousand eight hundred and sixteen between Eleazer Grover of Gloucester in the County of Essex ---- and Epes Merchant of the same Gloucester on the other part,when so-

G.E.M.'s notes continued;

ever that the said parties do agree that the dividing line between the premeses now owned and occupied by the said ---- parties,situated near the head of the Harbor in said Gloucester,and upon the dividing point of the road that leads toward Eastern Point and that which leads to Little Good Harbor Beach shall be as follows;to commence at the southerly end of the premeses upon a corner of a wall which corner is thirty-three feet from the said Eastern Point Road making the said Marchants premeses sixty-three feet wide at the southerly or upper end;thence running in a straight line from the said corner northerly to the said road leading to said Little Good Harbor Beach to the bounds designated in the deed which Ignatious Sargent gave to the said Marchant of the premeses lying on the westerly side of the said dividing line;the said Epes Merchant is to build the whole of the division wall and to give up all claim to all the land occupied and owned or improved by the said Sargent,on the easterly side of said line and the said Grover relinequishes all claim to the premeses on the westerly side of said line owned and improved by the said Merchant.

I witness whereof the parties to this agreement have interchangeably set their hands and seals this day above written.

Eleazer Grover (LS)
Epes Merchant (LS)

Signed and sealed in the presence of;

William Saville
Benjamin Hough

Miscellaneous newspaper and town records;

Epes Merchant was appointed April 5,1839 as a surveyor of highways,his limit being "From Gardner's Brook to the house of Israel Trask at the spring and also on Eastern Point Road to the school house in District 4,also the cross road to the rear of David Lufkin's house".He was to see that $75.00 was worked out at the following rates;

14 cents per hour for man and shovel
14 cents per hour for oxen and chain
14 cents per hour for able horse and cart
18 cents per hour for a good plough
4 cents per hour for ox cart

R.D.M. - It appears that G.E.M. combed through all the newspaper files and town records that he could find and jotted down everything found on Epes.They are a bit monotonous but I will record some;

1801 - Dec.31 Bounty receipt Boat "Fancy" 13 tons $20.80 Epes M. master.
1802 - March 9 Cod-line Boat "America" 13 & 33/95 tons built 1794 Epes Merchant master,William Norwood signed.

Miscellaneous newspaper and town records continued;

1802 - March 9,Cod-line Boat called the "Silver" 14 & 73/95 tons,William Norwood master,Epes Merchant signed.
1803 - March 8, Cod-line Boat "America" 13 & 33/95 tons,built 1784 Epes Merchant master,signed by John Atkinson.
1804 - In a list of jurors appears Nathaniel Merchant,Epes Merchant,William Merchant,and Daniel Merchant Jr. (all names spelled Marchant)
1804 - Li bond Boat "Oliver" 21 & 19/95 tons Chas.Rogers owner,Epes Merchant master.
1805 - In a list of boats Schooner "Olive" Epes Merchant "not licenced" aprox. 21 tons.
1807 - Jan.5, Li bond Schooner "Olive" 21 & 9/95 tons,Epes Merchant master, William Merchant signed with him (codfish)
1808- Dec.10,Schooner "Lion" 17 tons,Epes Merchant master (a boat "Lion" by Daniel Merchant also 17 tons.
1809 - Feb.27, Schooner "Mary" 21 & 3/95 tons Epes Merchant master.
1809 - Li-bond Schooner "Mary" 20 & 3/95 tons,Epes Merchant owner and master, Obidiah Woodbury signed.
1810 - April 14, Li-bond Boat "Nobby" 13 & 6/95 tons,Epes Merchant owner,William Merchant master.
1811 - Aug.12, was registered as a member of the Universalist Independant Society.
1813 - 1814 Epes Merchant was licenced as a retailer of liquor.
1816 - April 19, Li-bond codfish Boat "Union" 23 & 50/95 tons,James Laha master, Epes Merchant owner.
1816 - Epes,James,and Nathaniel Merchant petitioned in 1816 that the East-Ward people have a meeting to see about a school house.Their autographs are on this petition.
1820 - Old papers,Epes Merchant in a list of town officers is called "a culler of fish".
1822 - At a meeting at the house of Rebecca Robinson,now occupied as a school-house in Eastern Point District,Epes was chosen moderator and it was voted to build a school building,and $350. was voted for the same,the following committee to build;Benjamin Parsons,William Sayward,Daniel Wonson,William Rowe 4th.
1826 - March 7,Li-cod Schooner "Hornet" 51 tons.Epes Merchant master,William Mansfield signed with Epes W.Merchant.
1829 - Epes W.Merchant;among their fishing vessels,had the "Paul Pry" and "Paragon" both pinkies.They began business togeather in 1829 as EPES MERCHANT & SON.
1829 - Schooner "Volant" 38 & 25/95 tons,Samuel L.Andrews master,Epes Merchant signed.
1829 - Schooner "EMblem" (bounty) 60 & 76/95 tons,Samuel Davis master,signed by Epes Merchant.
1829 - Bounty receipt Schooner "Brilliant" 52 & 25/95 tons,Henry Merchant master, Epes signed.
1830 - Schooner "Volant" 38 & 25/95 tons,S.L.Andrews master,Epes Merchant signed.
1831 - Bounty bond Schooner "Brilliant" 52 & 35/95 tons,John Hammond master, signed by Epes Merchant.
1831 - Advt.Gloucester Tel: "Having removed to their new store,fronting the street,offer for sale,family groceries,china,crockery,glass ware,hollow ware, knives and forks,pen knives,jack knives,percussion caps,coarse and fine salt, lines and twine, Epes Merchant & Son.

Miscellaneous newspaper and town records continued;

1831 - Another Advt.in Tel.Nov.25,1831; To be sold,Schooner Volant at auction to close a concern,built in 1821 38 & 25/95 tons.
Tel: Nov.16,1833 Epes recieved 172 votes for represenative but was defeated.
1840 - Advt. in Tel: $10.00 reward for apprehension of robbers who broke in and stole watches.

Newspaper item below tells how Epes buried two sailors.His son George told his son and G.E.M. as a boy confirmed the story by digging them up.

> "Do you remember of reading in Babson's History of Gloucester, the account of the loss of the ship 'Howard'? he queries. Hundreds of people every year walk these grounds,without relizing that beneath their feet rest two of the crew of that ill-fated ship.Late in February,1807,four of her crew,including the captain,lost their lives,and two bruised and mangled bodies were given up by the sea for burial.My great grandfather was among those who dug the grave and wrapped the winding sheet of cloth,of which the ship had a good supply on board,around the drowned sailors forms,and here they were placed,on that winter's day,coffinless and doubtless without even the formality of a prayer.Curiosity when a boy led me one day to seek for confirmation of the tales told me by my grandfather,by digging in the spot he had shown to me,and but a short distance beneath the sod,the bones of the sailors were found."

Babson's History (page 507-508) tells us the following account;

> "During the years over which we have just passed,the town suffered by two marine disasters;by one a loss in character, and by the other,a loss of valuable lives.On the 28th of Feb. 1807,the ship "Howard",Capt.Bray from Calcutta,with a cargo of India goods,bound to Boston,was cast away in a violent storm,near Grape-vine Cove,on Eastern Point.Soon after the ship struck,she broke in two;and the captain,mate,and two hands, were swept away by a sea,and drowned.The rest of the men got ashore.The cargo was scattered along the shore;and not with standing the best exertions by the owners was pilfered."

(R.D.M.) Cargo washed overboard (flotsam) belongs to the ship and owners under law.Cargo thrown overboard to lighten ship (jetsam) belongs to anyone who finds it.

The following typed from an original document as recieved from the State House Boston,on March 12,1982 as concerning Epes military career. (F.R.M.)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
State House,Boston, March 12,1982

THE NAME OF EPES MARCHANT of Gloucester,Massachusetts,is borne upon the records of this office as follows;

COMMISSIONED on the 6th day of May,1817 and MUSTERED-IN to the service of the STATE on the 6th day of May,1817 for commission as Lieutenant in Light Infantry Company,2nd Regt.,1st Brig. 2nd Division.

Massachusetts Militia

MASSACHUSETTS MILITIA

Honorably DISCHARGED by reason of "own request" on the 5th day of May,1823,as Captain,Light Infantry Co.,2nd Regt.1st Brig.,2nd Division/
Promoted to Captain on 26 September 1818.
Date and place of birth or next of kin do not appear on record.

*Spelling of surname as it appears on record.

Robert E.Feeney

Military Archivist
For THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE WILL OF EPES MERCHANT

The will of Epes Merchant was proved June 7,1859.In it he gave to his two sons,Epes W. and Addison Merchant, "all my property real,personal or mixed" to be held in trust for "my beloved wife,their mother",the income and improvement of which is given to her for and during her natural life".

At the death of the wife,the property was to be divided in the following manner;

Unto my sons,Epes W. and Addison, "all my real estate situated on Jackson Street,together with the wharf and all the buildings thereon," to hold the same forever.

To Addison,also,one undivided half of the grocery store situated on Jackson Street,with one half of the land,the other half being owned by my son,Epes W., provided in these bequests that Addison pay unto the hands of the executors of the will $800.00,and Epes W. to pay $300.00.

The Will of Epes Merchant continued;

Unto son Henry is given my "homestead now enclosed", together with the barn and outbuilding,same to come into his possession within one year from the decease of his mother.

Unto son George,all the right and title held by Epes Merchant in the home then occupied by George,located on Cross Street,with the land under and ajoining the same.

Unto daughter,Sarah E.Hodgkins, "the home which she now occupies" with all the land under and adjoining the same,as located at the corner of Webster Street and Eastern Avenue (1889) to hold during her natural life,and at her decease, the same to go to her son Ebenezer Hodgkins to have and to hold forever.

Unto his son,Samuel,he gave the "flakeyard with the wharf and all the buildings standing thereon,situated at the head of the harbor and adjoining the land of Andrew and others", to hold the same forever,provided Samuel pay to the executors $300.00 on taking possession.

Unto his daughter,Mary Ann Parkhurst,he gave out of any money which might come into the hands of the executors within two years from the decease of her mother,the sum of $1700.00.

Unto his brother,James,he gave,to be held in trust for the children on "my daughter Emiline" in addition to what they have already recieved,$1700.00,the same to be paid within two years of the decease of her mother.Said sum to be held intact as to principal,until the youngest arrive at her majority,or marries,when the same was to be divided equally.If either child should be deceased,then the others surviving shall share alike in the part which should have gone to said child.

Unto his grand daughter,Emily Ann merchant,$1700.00 was given to be paid within two years from the decease of the testator's wife,same to be paid to her guardian,till such time as she become of age,or marries,then to be given to her in her own right;and free from the control of her husband.

Unto his son George,was given in addition to the home and land already mentioned,$1200.00 to be paid within two years from the death of his mother; same to be paid to son Addison,to be held in trust,and paid out principal or interest as he shall deem necessary.At the decease of George,if any sum shall remain,the same was to be divided among the surviving heirs.

Unto his daughter,Sarah E.Hodgkins,he gave in addition to the property already named,the sum of $700.00,the same to be paid within two years of the death of her mother.

At the decease of his wife,his household property was to be equally divided among his surviving children.

Any balance of money remaining after the bequests named have been taken care of,was to be divided among the lawful heirs,according to their right of representation.

The Will of Epes Merchant continued;

He decreed in his will,that in order that his estate might be fully settled within two years from the decease of his wife,that the executors might sell the following property;1st. My field opposite my homestead.2nd. My field over the marsh adjoining land of Witham.3rd. My right of one-fifth in the Elwell pasture. 4th. My vessels of all descriptions.5th. My bank stocks.6th. All other real estate not herein before mentioned.

The executors named were,Epes W.Merchant and Addison Merchant.

The will was drawn March 31,1859,and witnessed by Epes Sayward Jr.,George Merchant Jr.,and James L.Shute.

(R.D.M.) The people mentioned in the will are identified as follows; Epes W.Merchant is child No.1. Addison Merchant is child No.8. Henry Merchant is child No.2. George Merchant is child No.3. Sarah E.Hodgkins is child No.4. Samuel Merchant is child No.6. Mary Ann Parkhurst is child No.5. She died four years after the will and six years before her mother did,so didn't get to enjoy the $1700.00. Daughter Emiline Merchant,(we met her in the William Chapter, when she married her cousin,Simeon) Her children may have got some of the $1700. Grand daughter,Emily Ann Merchant was the sole surviving child of Gorham Merchant (child No.10) Gorham had been dead for ten years previous to the will.

End of Will

Epes Merchant - our ancester,our kinsmen,departed this life of mortel flesh in the year 1859 on the 10th day of April.He came of good stock,from the seed of Jabez,and proved this throughout his life appointed years on this earth.He labored by the sweat of his brow,had an eye for business,(being one of the founders of the old Gloucester fishing fleet)and during his life,did not for get his creator,(for he persistently attended services at the Independent Christian Church)and in death did not forget his family as proven in his will.But life is of short duration,he filled his time well,and his time had come ----

"I also am mortal like all men,I go the way of all the earth"

Wisdom 7:1
1 Kings 2:2

SALLY ROWE THOMAS - wife of Epes

Sally R.Thomas was the daughter of William Thomas and Patty Rowe.(Hist.II 85-13,III 61-47-105) G.E.M. gives a reference here but neglects to name it, maybe POOL.

Roy M's notes say that Sally Rowe Thomas had for parents,William Thomas and Martha Rowe instead of Patty Rowe as G.E.M. has it.Roy also records that Martha Rowe was b.Dec.21,1755 and was daughter of John Rowe and Abigail ---.

Her brother William Thomas Jr. was lost in the boat "Rising Sun" about 1800.Her father picked up the crew of the ship "Industry" lost on Salt Island in 1796. R.D.M. "I wonder if this writing of G.E.M. referring to William Thomas picking up the crew of the "Industry" means picking up the bodies." Babson's History page 474 has;

> "A distressing shipwreck at Little-Good-Harbor Beach was the principal event in our history in 1796.Early in January this year the ship "Industry",Capt.Miles Barnes,belonging to Boston, was lost on that beach,near Salt Island,in a violent snow-storm. By her log book,which was kept till eight o'clock,it appeared that she sailed from Portsmouth,England,Nov.3,in ballast.All hands perished.The bodies of the Captain,Mate,and four men,were found,and buried from the First Parish Church with proper religious solemnities,including an address by Rev.Dr.Forbes. The owner of the ship bore public testimony to the attention and humanity of our citizens in this melancholy occasion"

Tel: Died "Oct.17,1869 Mrs.Sally widow of the late Epes Merchant" (R.D.M.) She had been a widow for 10 1/2 years and died age 87y.2m.13d. Epes died at 78y.5m.21d.

Sally R. Thomas

(wife of Epes Merchant)

The resting place of Epes Merchant and his wife,Sally Thomas is to be found in lot #142 at the Oak Grove Cemetery off Washington Street,Gloucester,Mass.

The burying ground,from the records of John W.Gray,president of the Oak Grove Cemetery. (June 19,1981)

Record of Lots
Oak Grove Cemetery
Book "A"

Lot #142

Sarah R.Merchant,from the Corporation,Lot #142
Situated in the way called Spirea in Section No.3
Nov.18,1859

Also in our records,Book A,page 108,there is acknowledgement of the sum of fifty dollors ($50.00) from Epes W.Merchant for lot care.
Dated May 9,1870

There is no form of deed mentioned,and no price given. However I believe it is sufficient proof of ownership.

John W.Gray,president
Oak Grove Cemetery

Oak Grove Cemetery

Epes Merchant lot - During restoration in 1982

Ancestry of Sally R.Thomas
(wife of Epes Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Sally Rowe Thomas
b. Aug.4,1782
p.b. Gloucester
m. Dec.1,1803
d. Oct.17,1869
p.d Gloucester

2 William Thomas (Father of No. 1)
b. Dec.18,1751
p.b.
m. Nov.2,1779
d.
p.d

3 Martha Rowe (Mother of No. 1)
b. Dec.21,1755
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 John Thomas (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m. Aug.22,1745
d.
p.d

5 Hannah Brown (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 John Rowe (Father of No. 3)
b. June 29,1714
p.b. Gloucester
m. 1752
d. Oct.2,1781
p.d Gloucester

7 Abigail Langsford (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b.
d. Dec.14,1779
p.d. Gloucester

Epes Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. Oct.21,1780
p.b. Gloucester
d. April 10,1859
p.d. Gloucester

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Stephen Rowe (Father of No. 6)
b. Nov.26,1675
p.b.
m. July 6,1699
d. April 28,1731
p.d

13 Martha Low (Mother of No. 6)
b. 1679
p.b.
d. Dec.4,1718
p.d.

14 Richard Langsford (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m. Dec.17,1719
d. Abt.1739
p.d

15 Mary Rowe (Mother of No. 7)
b. 1691
p.b.
d. 1774
p.d.

16 (Father of No. 8,
b.
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8,
b.
d.

18 (Father of No. 9,
b.
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9,
b.
d.

20 (Father of No. 10,
b.
m.
d.

21 (Mother of No. 10,
b.
d.

22 (Father of No. 11,
b.
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11,
b.
d.

24 John Rowe (Father of No. 12,
b. Abt.1640
m. Sept.27,1663
d. Sept.1700

25 Mary Dickenson (Mother of No. 12,
b. March 12,1639-40
d. April 25,1684

26 (Father of No. 13,
b.
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13,
b.
d.

28 (Father of No. 14,
b.
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14,
b.
d.

30 (Father of No. 15,
b.
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15,
b.
d.

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Epes Merchant	1780-1859	Age 78y.

Wife

Sally Rowe Thomas	1782-1869	Age 87y.

This couple were married on Dec.1,1803 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1. Epes William Merchant	1804-1887	Age 83y.
2. Henry Merchant (Harry)	1805-1870	Age 65y.
3. George Merchant	1807-1899	Age 91y.
4. Sarah Eliza Merchant	1809-1889	Age 80y.
5. Mary Ann Merchant	1811-1863	Age 52y.
6. Samuel Merchant	1812-1860	Age 47y.
7. Benjamin William Merchant	1814-1831	Age 16y.
8. Addison Merchant	1816-1867	Age 50y.
9. Emeline Merchant	1819-1852	Age 33y.
10. Gorham Merchant	1822-1849	Age 27y.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.1.EPES WILLIAM MERCHANT b.May 21,1804 and d.June 14,1887 at age 83y. 23d. He m.Dec.21,1825 Sarah Ellery (note,this her mother's maiden name).She was b.May 7,1807 and d.June 5,1895 at age 88y.29d.They both were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. Sarah was the dau. of John Ryerson and Abigail Ellery.John Ryerson,her father,ran off and left her mother with two daughters.The other daughter married Samuel Kimball Friend,May 24,1829.John Ryerson,the father who deserted,was a house carpenter by trade.He was gone for twenty years or more and returned but his wife wouldn't own him.

From the writings of G.E.M. "A fisherman's son,it was natural that Epes should take to the sea yet in his boyhood days.Before out of his teens,he had attained to the height,in those days,of a fisherman's ambition,a skippership, and although the crafts he commanded would not compare with the schooners of today either in appointments or size,it is said of him that no smarter skipper trod a quater deck than he."

"Upon the attainment of his majority he entered into a partnership with his father,under the firm name of Epes Merchant & Son,at the wharf now occupied by Sylvanus Smith & Co.,and here until the dissolution of the firm about 1848,was carried on one of the most successful partnerships in the fish business ever in town.A writer,in speaking of him at this time says; "For many years he was one of the principle fish buyers fish producers.His reputation and mercantile integrity was of the highest order.His knowledge and judgment was often appealed to by the younger masters,and his kind encouragement and sound advise were often the foundations of successful business for many"

Soon after his retirement from active business as a vessel owner and outfitter,about 1848,he was elected a director in the old Gloucester Bank,now the Gloucester National,of which he became the president in 1871.This latter office he held till his death in 1887."He was also a trustee of the Cape Ann Savings Bank,as well as its president,a director in the Gloucester Fisherman's and Seaman's Widow's and Orphan's Aid Society,the president of the Oak Grove Cemetery Corporation from its incorporation.Mr.Merchant was a thorough American; he believed principally in the protection of American Industry and developement, as embodied in the Whig and Republican Parties.He was a liberal in his religious views,being a constant attendant at the Independent Christian (Universalist) Church.His life was consistent,patriotic,full of kind deeds and loyality to his best convictions."

(R.D.M.) Epes W. was the third generation involved in the Independent Christian Society.Daniel Jr.,great uncle of Epes W.,was involved in its incorporation.Epes his father was also involved in it.Quoting from Babson,page 428;

> "-------- These are the distinguishing sentiments of Universalists, whose first organized body in America was formed in Gloucester, under the name of the INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN SOCIETY."

Epes W. and his wife,Sarah,left no offspring but had one adopted daughter, Miss Sarah E.Ellery (from her mother's obituary),no further information on her.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.1.EPES W.MERCHANT(1804-1887) & SARAH ELLERY(1807-1895)

His stone at Oak Grove Cemetery is a prominent one but not ostentatious. There is a hugh granite boulder,also on his lot and on it is embossed,not engraved,his name in large letters.(F.R.M.) This is lot # 277 on the hill. Also in looking over the cemetery records,I find the said adopted daughter,Sarah E. Ellery,buried July 14,1912 aged 85y.7m. which would make her birth about 1867.

The following typed from G.E.M. original records;

Epes W.

Tel:Nov.1836 - nominated as Representive by Whig meeting
Tel: 1835 - nominated as --------- to be voted for at March meeting. See town records on this for his vote.
Tel:March 7,1835 - Served as sentry at a Whig meeting at Union Hall March 4, See long resolution.
Tel: 1834 - At a Grand Whig meeting held Sept.10,was nominated on the general town committee on Elections.
Tel:May 18,1842 - At a Temperance celebration of the Gloucester Womens Temperance Society,it was voted to celebrate the 4th of July,Epes W.Merchant - a member of committee.
Tel:July 18,1840 - Petitioned to widen and layout highway from Sawyers Hill to Crafts Hill in Manchester.
Tel:Oct.23,1839 - Chosen to the several Whig conventions.
Tel:Sept.7,1839 - Chosen delegate to Worcester Whig convention on Sept.5 with others.
Tel:Dec.16,1836 - Commisioned with Henry Phelps to settle an estate of Bethiah Giddings April 12,1837.
Tel:Oct.14,1837 - At meeting of Whigs Oct.12,1837,with others chosen delegate to County convention at Ipswich.
Tel:March 14,1838 - At town meeting March 12,1838,a committee with others to settle with the Selectmen,Overseers,Assessors and Treasurer.
Tel:Oct.20,1838 - Name appended to a call for a meeting of Whig committee.
Tel:Nov.24,1838 - Notice of a Whig ball,an committee of arangements.

Epes W.Merchant was in Parish Committees of Universal Church,
1835-36-47-51-60

Tel:May 14,1836 - Chosen a director in the Gloucester Lyceum.
(The Gloucester Lyceum Library was established in 1830.)

CHILD NO.1.EPES W.MERCHANT(1804-1887) & SARAH ELLERY(1807-1895)

The obituary of Epes W.Merchant;

The severe illness of Mr.Epes W.Merchant,the venerable president of the Gloucester National Bank,resulted in his death at an early hour on Tuesday evening.His last visit at the Bank was just six weeks previous to his decease,and during these intervening weeks he has been for a considerable portion of the time in a precarious condition,so that his death was known to be liable to occur at almost any hour.

Mr.Merchant was born in this city May 22,1804,and belonged to an old Gloucester family,the name appearing upon our records from about 1720.He was the eldest of the ten children of Epes and Sally R.(Thomas) Merchant,of whom two survive him,Mr.George Merchant and Mrs.Sarah Hodgkins,both in advanced age.In his early life he followed the fisheries,but abandoned the calling after attaining his majority to engage in the fishing business with his father.

For many years the firm of Epes Merchant & Son was one of the best known business establishments of the old town,and on its dissolution the business was continued by Epes W.and his brother Addison,and still later by the latter alone.

Mr.Merchant was the senior director of the Gloucester National Bank,which position he has held since October 2,1848,a consecutive period of thirty-eight and one-half years,a longer term we think than any other director ever served in that institution.Capt. Frederick G.Low was a director for thirty-seven years,Capt. Isaac Somes was a director for thirty-four years and president of the bank for twenty-nine;Hon.John Woodward Lowe was a director for thirty-three years;Benj.K.Hough Sr.,thirty-one, and Dr.William Ferson,thirty.On the death of Capt.Somes in 1871,Mr.Merchant was elected president and continued to hold that office to the time of his death.He was also for many years a trustee of the Cape Ann Savings Bank;one of the incorporators, and president of the trustees of the Oak Grove Cemetery Corporation from its organization in 1855;director of the Gloucester Fishermen's and Seamen's Widow's and Orphan's Association;and served upon the Town Hall building committee of 1869 and as a member of the board of aldermen for a portion of the year 1874. He also served as captain of the East Ward Company under the old militia law.

In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party,with which he became identified.His religious views were liberal,he being connected with the Independent Christian Church all his life,and constant in his attendance upon its services.He was a man of methodical habits and conservative views,of generous instincts,and unimpeachable integrity.He was well-informed on all questions of general interest,possessing a good memory,and took much pleasure in recalling the scenes and incidents of his early days and the marked changes he had witnessed,especially in everything pertaining to the fisheries.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.1.EPES W.MERCHANT(1804-1887) & SARAH ELLERY(1807-1895)

The obituary of Epes W.Merchant continued;

Mr.Merchant married Dec.21,1825,Miss Sarah Ellery Ryerson, who at the advanced age of four score years survives him.

His funeral took place from his late residence on Pleasant Street yesterday afternoon,his pastor,Rev.Mr.Rider,officiating.

The obituary of his wife follows;

MRS.SARAH ELLERY MERCHANT

died at her home on Pleasant Street at an early hour this morning,at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

She was the widow of Epes W.Merchant,Esq.,president of the Gloucester Bank,who died June 14,1887,at the age of eighty-three years,and was a woman of high character and refined manners, esteemed and beloved by all who knew her.(She was a lady of retireing disposition.She has been in feeble health for the last seven years,but has been unable to help herself any since the last of April) She was long identified with the Independent Christian Church,and although of recent years unable to attend its services,owing to her advanced age,maintained her interest in the historical old society.Tenderly ministered to by loving hands her long life approached its close,peacefully and hopefully,looking forward to a glad reunion with the many loved ones gone before.

"Sure,length of days must mean the spirit's peace;
Not fickle fortune's agitated sea,
Not anxious looking out for what's to be,
Nor dark regret at life's so sure decease;
But round of gentle cares with sleep's surcease,
Calm,tender thoughts of friends no longer seen,
Far and deep memories of what has been
Sign of how soul survives the body's lease."

Mrs.Merchant belonged to an old Gloucester family.Her father was John Ryarson of Paris,Maine,and her mother Abigail,daughter of Benjamin Ellery,who lived in the old tavern upon the Green and who was the son of William Ellery the tavern keeper and a grandson of our early settler,William Ellery.She was also descended from the Allen,Stevens,Colt and other old Gloucester families.

She belonged to a family furnishing many instances of longevity. Her grandfather,Benjamin Ellery,died in 1825 in his 81st year, and his wife,Sarah Gouch of Portsmouth,N.H.,in 1843,in her 90th year.Her great grandfather,William Ellery,died in 1771,aged 77,and his wife,Abigail,daughter of Joseph Allen in 1798,aged 83.Her mother died in 1857,aged 71,and several of her uncles

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.1.EPES W.MERCHANT(1804-1887) & SARAH ELLERY(1807-1895)

The obituary of Sarah,wife of Epes W.Merchant continued;

> and cousins lived to extreme old age.
> (She leaves to mourn her loss besides a large circle of friends, her adopted daughter,Miss Sarah E.Ellery,who has faithfully ministered to her wants during her last illness,her nephews, Mr.Hervie Friend of Los Angelos,Cal.,and Samuel K.Friend of Groveland,Mass.,and two nieces,Mrs.George Todd and Mrs.David R.Procter,whose husband is in Chicago.)
> Funeral from her late residence,No.26 Pleasant Street,Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT b.Nov.29,1805 (Bp.Jan.7,1806 in the First Church as Harry)He d.Dec.21,1870 age 65y.0m. 23d. He m.Nov.8,1827 Nancy Silloway Plummer. She was b.Sept.19,1807 and d.Aug.14,1862 of "disease of blood and bowels" age 54y.10m.26d. She was dau. of Nathaniel Plummer of Byfield and Sarah Higgins of Maine.She was also sister to Catherine Marriott Plummer who married Addison Merchant (Child No.8.) in 1837.

We have little history on our Uncle Henry and perhaps some is lost.In the George Merchant Chapter,which follows,Henry is recorded as going skipper on the "Emblem" in 1830 and also on the "Brilliant" in 1831,both vessels of Epes Merchant & Son. G.E.M. has the following; "Started in life as a fisherman and rose to be master.He for eight or ten years,about 1840.Kept a tavern at what is now known as the Castle but on the ----------"(no additional page or continuation found)

We note that he died Dec.21,1870,surviving his mother by a year and two months.The Will of Epes,his father,leaves him the house within a year after his mother's death so it appears that he did not for long enjoy his enheritance. The following notes from G.E.M. show an abstract of his Will proved April 1871. We observe that he has a second wife.His first wife,Nancy,predeceased him by over seven years.The Will informs us that he had real estate worth $6700.00. He gives to a grandson,Willie Lincoln Merchant,a wood lot at West Gloucester but as we shall see Willie died six months after the Will at age 10y.6m.14d.

The following typed from G.E.M. original records;

Henry Merchant - (alias Harry)

Tel: 1834- Nominated at a Grand Whig meeting held Sept.10,1834,to a place on the several town committee on elections.
Tel:Jan.4,1834 - Li as an "Inholder on the first degree"
Tel:March 5,1834 - Was elected a town constable at annuel town meeting March 1.
Tel:Feb.5,1834 - Adiaticed (word illegible) "None,wagon chaise,(a light one horse carriage) 200 gallons of spirits of different makes,3 barrels of tongues and soles,1 barrel mackerel for sale.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

Notes from G.E.M. original records continued;

Tel: 1833 - Offered reward of $50. for conviction of person who cut his harness.
Tel:Aug.20,1831 - Among list of inholders.

Will to wife - Eliza

Household furniture and wearing apparel.
Home and land on Friend Street,so long as she shall remain unmarried,on her death or marriage,to go to Henry E.Merchant and John H.Merchant.
The income of 1/2 of real estate to be paid Henry during his natural life, after his death the said 1/2 to go to his children.

Thereafter 1/2 to go to John H.Merchant direct forever.

To Willie Lincoln Merchant,son of John,a woodlot at West Gloucester forever.

All balance of Real and Personal to go to John and Henry.

Henry to have same only for life,then to his children.

Appraised 1871	Real	-	$6700.00
	Personal	-	200.00
			$6900.00

Henry Merchant and Nancy S.Plummer begot the following children;

CHILD I HENRY EDWIN MERCHANT b.June 22,1828 more p.-162

CHILD II JULIA ANN BABBITT MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1831 and d.Oct.16,1832 of "croup" age 13m.

CHILD III JOHN HAMMOND MERCHANT b.April 5,1835 more p.-164

Before we leave our Uncle Henry we have a news clipping that mentions him and then his obituary which is brief.

> The fishermen of today would not accept the fare then furnished.The principal meal was "squeal" a sort of hasty pudding made from Indian meal with a plentiful supply of salt junk and beans.The great luxury of the voyage,furnished occaisionaly was "dondyfunk" a dish compounded of powdered hardtack mixed with molasses and fried in pork fat.Oil clothes were thenunknown, leather aprons called "barrels" being furnished.The first oil clothing Mr.Fisher recollects being used were worn by Harry Marchant and were made from bed ticking.Jeremiah Lovejoy was the first man to manufacture oil-clothing and tarpaulin hats,

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

A news clipping which mentions Henry as "Harry Marchant" continued;

his place of business being near Hancock Street.

The obituary of Henry Merchant;

CAPE ANN ADVERTIZER - Dec.23,1870

MERCHANT - 21st Mr.Henry Merchant 65 years 23 days.

History of his children;

CHILD I HENRY EDWIN MERCHANT b.June 22,1828 and d.Dec.30,1900,age 72y.6m.8d. He m.Oct.24,1851 Mary Ann Gutterson who was b.Nov.12,1830 and d.1931.She was the dau. of Samuel Gutterson and Belinda Page of Weare,N.H.Both were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery (I neglected to mention that the parents of Henry were also Buried at Oak Grove in the same lot #108).G.E.M. has the following; "Henry Edwin,a tailor all his life.At one time he had a shop which failed to pay,under what is now the Smith House.He went to Lynn and lived there for several years.In the great fire,Thursday Feb.18,1864,by which property to the extent of $400,000. was destroyed,Henry Merchant suffered a loss of about $250.00.He was at that time a manufacturer of oil clothing and was located in the Eli Stacy Building No 8s 111-113,occupying rooms on the 2nd floor,rear of the Union Club Room See Telegraph." Henry E. and Mary A.Gutterson begot the following children;

CHILD A WALTER CLIFTON MERCHANT b.Nov.18,1854 and d.April 14,1857 of "croup" age 2y.4m.26d.

CHILD B NANNIE GENEVIEVE MERCHANT b.Abt.1856 more p.-163

CHILD C FLORENCE MERCHANT b.Abt.1861 (at Lynn) more p.-164

The obituary of Henry E.Merchant;

MR.HENRY E.MERCHANT

died at his home on East Main Street on Sunday in the 73rd year of his age.

The deceased was a native of this city,coming from an old and well known Gloucester family,his parents being Harry and Nancy (Plummer) Merchant.

He married Miss Mary A.Gutterson,who survives him,together with two daughters,Mrs.George H.Dennis of this city,and Mrs. Charles H.Dilloway of Chelsea.

Mr.Merchant was a well known citizen,of kindly manner,and even disposition,and well liked by all who knew him.For a number of years he was employed as cutter at Carter's oil clothes factory.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

CHILD I HENRY E.MERCHANT(1828-1900) & MARY A.GUTTERSON(1830-1931)

The obituary of Henry E.Merchant continued;

> The funeral will take place from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

We do not have an obituary for Mary but note that she died in 1931 making her age Abt.100y. We do have a news report on her 96th birthday which follows;

EAST GLOUCESTER LADY 96 YEARS MONDAY

> Mrs.Mary A.Merchant will observe her 96th birthday anniversary on Monday at the home of her daughter,Mrs.Florence Dennis, at 155 East Main Street.

> Mrs.Merchant was born in Weare,N.H.,her maiden name being Gutterson.She came to this city when a young woman and became the wife of Henry E.Merchant,who passed away a number of years ago.
>
> Mrs.Merchant carries her years lightly and still is very active about her household duties.She manifests a keen and comprehensive interest in all current events,being able to read the daily news without the aid of glasses.She has been privileged to witness the passing of this country through four major wars,also to see this country develop into a great nation.
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> A dinner will be served on Monday by her daughter Mrs.George H.Dennis,which will be attended by another daughter,N.Genevieve wife of Charles H.Dilloway,of Melrose,her grandchildren,Miss Lillian Dilloway of Melrose and Allan F.Dennis of Manchester and nephew George Gutterson of Beverly.
>
> Mrs.Merchant has two great-grandchildren,Russell and Robert Dennis,sons of Mr. and Mrs. Allen F.Dennis of Manchester.
>
> Her many friends extend to this estimable lady their hearty congratulations at this time.

Their children's history; nothing further on child A so will go on to;

CHILD B NANNIE GENEVIEVE MERCHANT b.Abt.1856 G.E.M. records: "Nannie married a widower,a rich man who has a summer home at Squam,and lives in Boston" No date on the marriage,but married Charles H.Dilloway of Melrose and had a daughter;

CHILD a LILLIAN DILLOWAY (no data)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

CHILD I HENRY E.MERCHANT(1828-1900) & MARY A.GUTTERSON(1830-1931)

CHILD B NANNIE G.MERCHANT (continued)

BIRTHDAY GATHERING - Miss Nannie G.Merchant,the assistant book-keeper at Carter's Oil Clothing Manufactory,was the recipient of a surprise party by the proprietor and employes of the manufactory and other friends on Tuesday evening of last week, it being her twenty-first birthday.A large number present testified to the regard in which Miss Merchant is held by her associates,which was further shown by the presentation of a goodly number of remembrances in the way of presents.
Nov.21,1877

CHILD C FLORENCE MERCHANT b.Abt.1861 at Lynn,m.Aug.25,1887 George H.Dennis, son of George Dennis and Lois D.Griffin. He was b.Oct.25,1855.They begot;

CHILD a GEORGE B.DENNIS b.Dec.3,1887 and d.Jan.21,1889 of "peritonitis".

CHILD b ALLAN PERCY DENNIS b.Feb.27,1889,no other data but begot;

CHILD b 1 RUSSELL DENNIS

CHILD b 2 ROBERT DENNIS

This concludes the history of Child I Henry E.Merchant,nothing further on Child II Julia A.B.Merchant so will continue with;

CHILD III JOHN HAMMOND MERCHANT b.April 5,1835 and d.Jan.12,1899 of "stroke". He m.Int.Oct.8,1857 Elizabeth Cowles.She was b.Abt.Jan.1834 and d.Oct.14,1911 of "apoplexy". R.D.M. has a note (Mt.Adnah) ,perhaps both are buried there. She was the dau. of Joshua and ------Cowles of Balchertown,Mass. G.E.M. has; "He was long in politics a Democrat holding several ward positions.He was secretary of the Democratic Ward Comm. in 1877 and also Inspector of Elections. He enlisted as a private Aug.20,1862,was at Newbern,N.C. Discharged Nov.10,1864 at Readville - expiration of service.He was first a shop keeper of dry goods on Front Street.He then went teaming about 1851 - 1853. In '62 went to war.Since the war he has been a painter.He had a fish market in Lynn.He had a wife and five children." Those children begotten were;

CHILD A WALTER H.MERCHANT b.---- He was lost from the Schooner "Etta Gott" Oct.20,1871 in Bay of St.Lawrence.

CHILD B WILLIAM LINCOLN MERCHANT b.April 7,1861 and d.Oct.20,1871 of "congestion of the brain".

CHILD C JOHN H.MERCHANT b.April 7,1861 and d.Nov.30,1867.
(F.R.M. - I find some duplication of dates above,Walter and William died same date a coincidence? and William and John born same date,perhaps a mistake!)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

CHILD III JOHN H.MERCHANT(1835-1899) & ELIZABETH COWLES(1834-1911)

Their fourth child;

CHILD D FREDERICK S.MERCHANT b.Feb.8,1869 more (below)

CHILD E LIZZIE MERCHANT b.July 11,1874 more p.-166

We have a newspaper report on John H.Merchant and then his obituary.

ACCIDENT - On Monday Mr.John H.Merchant,while at work painting on a schooner at Burnham Brothers' railway,fell and broke his leg in consequence of the staging giving away.He was taken home and recieved prompt surgical aid.

Sept.23,1870

OBITUARY

John Hammond Merchant passed away at his home on Seeall Street,Riverdale,Thursday evening at 6:45 o'clock,of a paralytic shock at the age of about 62 years.

On Monday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock Mr.Merchant started with his fish wagon for the Fort to get a load of fish,and when near Rust's provision store,fell from the team unconscious, probably the result of a paralytic shock.Officer Joyce took him to the police station and on Monday night he not having regained consciousness,Dr.MacCabe was called who at once recognized the true state of affairs and administered the proper treatment.

On Tuesday morning he was taken to his home,where he sank rapidly until the time of his death and never regained consciousness,in spite of the efforts of Dr.Hallett,who was called.

He leaves one son and a daughter.

(correct age 63y.9m.7d.)

History of their children,nothing further on Child A,B,and C so will go on to;

CHILD D FREDERICK S.MERCHANT b.Feb.8,1869 and d.Aug.1,1911 of "apoplexy" age 42y.5m.24d..He m.Aug.23,1893 Hattie Day,dau. of Leonard and Eugenia Day. Hattie was b.May 24,1870 and d.Oct.31,1922 (Stone at the Weslyan Cemetery in Riverdale has her b.1871 and d.1924) Hattie died of "lagrippe" at age 52y.4m.29d. Frederic was a "woodturner". This couple begot;

CHILD a GRACE E.MERCHANT b.Dec.20,1894 m.March 12,1912 Walter E.Nickerson who was b.Abt.1893 and was son of Willis E.Nickerson and Emma Otis of Mercer,Maine.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.2.HENRY MERCHANT(1805-1870) & NANCY PLUMMER(1807-1862)

CHILD III JOHN H.MERCHANT(1835-1899) & ELIZABETH COWLES(1834-1911)

CHILD D FREDERICK S.MERCHANT(1869-1911) & HATTIE DAY(1870-1922)

The obituary of Hattie Day,wife of Frederick S.Merchant;

> MERCHANT - At Riverdale,October 31,Mrs.Hattie M.(Day),widow of Frederick S.Merchant,52 years,4 months,29 days.Funeral services at her late home,447 Washington Street,tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS.HATTIE MERCHANT

> Mrs.Hattie (Day) widow of Frederick S.Merchant passed away at her home yesterday noon after a lingering illness of a number of months,at the age of 52 years,4 months and 29 days. She was a native of Riverdale,being the daughter of Leonard G. and the late Eugenia (Lane) Day.
>
> Mrs.Merchant was a member of the ladies aid society of the Riverdale Methodist Episcopal Church,a faithful and loving mother,and a pleasant neighbor and friend to all who knew her. Her husband passed away August 11,1911 and she is survived by one daughter,Mrs.Grace E.,wife of Willis E.Nickerson,one grandson,Kenneth Nickerson and her father,Leonard G.Day of Wheeler Street.

CHILD E LIZZIE MERCHANT b.July 11,1874 m.Dec.21,1893 Waldo Pool. Had one child then divorced.She married again to Walter E.Thurston and has a son b.April 9,1906. Lizzie d.Feb.16,1922.

> THURSTON - At Wheeler's Point,February 16,Mrs.Lizzie M.(Merchant) wife of Walter E.Thurston,46 years,7 months,5 days. Funeral service at her late home,94 Wheeler Street,Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CHILD NO.3.GEORGE MERCHANT b.Aug.11,1807 and d.Jan.14,1899.He m.Nov.18,1826 Lucy Norwood.She was b.April 22,1809 and d.May 5,1860. This couple are our ancestors and will have their own chapter.

CHILD NO.4.SARAH ELIZA MERCHANT b.April 21,1809 and d.Dec.19,1889.She m.Sept.21, 1826 Ebenezer Hodgkins.He was b.Feb.13,1805 and was son of Ebenezer Hodgkins and ------.He d.Abt.1847 in an insane asylum.He was a laboror and fisherman. This couple begot seven children;

CHILD I SARAH ELIZA HODGKINS b.March 8,1827 more p.-168

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.4.SARAH E.MERCHANT(1809-1889) & EBENEZER HODGKINS(1805-1847)

They had seven children,their second was;

CHILD II EBEN HODGKINS b.April 6,1830 (Was living in Dec.1889)

CHILD III EMELINE HODGKINS b.July 1,1834 and d.Oct.1835.

CHILD IV EMELINE HODGKINS b.Oct.10,1835 and d.May 1836.

CHILD V CAROLINE HODGKINS b.Dec.19,1837 and d.Aug.13,1871 in an insane hosp.

CHILD VI GORHAM MERCHANT HODGKINS b.July 29,1838 (We wonder if this date should be 1839) He was alive in Dec.1889 - mother's obituary.

CHILD VII PHEBE ANN HODGKINS b.Feb.12,1842 m.Jan.2,1862 Benjamin Adams,son of Ezekiel Adams and Nancy Witham.He was b.July 2,1830.Phebe was alive in Dec. 1889 according to her mother's obituary.No children mentioned.

The obituary of Sarah E.Merchant,wife of Ebenezer Hodgkins;

OBITUARY

Died Dec.19,1889 at her residence on Eastern Avenue,Mrs.Sarah Eliza (Merchant) Hodgkins,widow of Ebenezer Hodgkins,age 80 years,7 months,28 days.

She was the daughter of Epes and Sally (Thomas) Merchant, being the fourth born in a family of ten children,among whom was the late Epes W.Merchant who died in 1887.Of this large family but one brother is living,George,born in 1807. She married,Sept.21,1826,Mr.Ebenezer Hodgkins,their children numbering seven,three of whom are still living;sons,Gorham and Eben and daughter Phebe A.,all of whom reside on Eastern Avenue.

For a long series of years,Mrs.Hodgkins has been afflicted with deafness,and for the past five or more years she has been totally blind as well.She could well say,therefore,that her afflictions in her declining days of life were of no small order, yet she bore them all with resignation.The sense of touch,so noticeable in most blind persons,became fully developed during her long trial by blindness,and it was hard at times for those who had the pleasure of meeting her,to believe that the smart old lady who went so quickly about the house,was really shut within herself in total darkness.Save her two chief afflictions she had always enjoyed good health,until within a comparatively short period.

Mrs.Hodgkins was a descendant through Epes,William and Daniel Merchant of Jabez who came to Gloucester previous to 1721 and married Mary Babson that year.This Mary Babson was a descendant on her mother's side of John Robinson,of Leyden,England,who has not been inaptly called the father of Plymouth Colony.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.4.SARAH E.MERCHANT(1809-1889) & EBENEZER HODGKINS(1805-1847)

No further history on their children except for child I following;

CHILD I SARAH ELIZA HODGKINS b.March 8,1827 and d.Dec.9,1865 of "chronic diarrhea" at age 37y.9m.3d. She m.Dec.24,1847 Llewelly Reed (age 27).He was son of Henry Reed and Mariam -----, of Boothbay,Maine.He died from effects of injuries recieved from being thrown from a runaway team in Boston.No dates given and no children mentioned.

CHILD NO.5.MARY ANN JANE MERCHANT b.March 3,1811 and d.April 12,1863 "age 52" She m.March 9,1828 Hugh Parkhurst who was son of William Parkhurst and Sarah Parsons.Hugh died in 1845.(Vit.Rec.g.r.5) "Died,Hugh,fisherman,master schooner "Paris" --- sailed for Georges Bank,lost in gale about March 1,1845.Age Abt.37" They begot;

CHILD I EPES MERCHANT PARKHURST b.July 30,1828 married Lane.Is very sick with "cancer". (G.E.M. wrote these lines about 1889) No other information.

CHILD II MARY ANN PARKHURST b.Aug.25,1830 married John Fletcher Wonson,son of the John who was the first to go to Georges. No other information.

CHILD III HUGH PARKHURST b.Aug.2,1832 and married Eliza S.Parsons daughter of Joseph Parsons.Hugh died of "typhoid fever" in 1870.

CHILD IV JOHN PARKHURST b.Aug.18,1834 and d.June 29,1919 in California.He married Sarah Wonson dau. of John Wonson and Mary Parkhurst. Obituary below.

CHILD V CAROLINE AUGUSTA PARKHURST b.July 22,1837 and d.May 4,1888,at Boston of "phthisis" (T.B. or consumption).She married Albion Pierce who was b.1828 and who died at Mass.General Hospital Aug.9,1878 of "bright's disease" at age 40y.11m.23d. No other information.

CHILD VI GEORGE HENRY PARKHURST b.Oct.6,1842 and d.July 8,1844 age 1y.9m.

CHILD VII GEORGE HENRY PARKHURST b.July 16,1844 and d.Jan.16,1904 age 59y.6m.

Obituary of John Parkhurst,child IV;

NATIVE PASSED AWAY IN CALIFORNIA

JOHN PARKHURST FOR MANY YEARS AT A.B.COOK CORNER

News has been recieved in this city of the death of John Parkhurst,a native and former resident of this city,which took place in Riverside,California,on June 14,at the age of 84 years, 9 months and 24 days. (our records show he d.June 29,1919)

He was a native of this city,being the son of Hugh and Mary Ann Jane (Merchant) Parkhurst and in early life followed the occupation of fisherman,and later engaged in the clothing business,having two stores,succeeding to the business of his brother

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.5.MARY A.J.MERCHANT(1811-1863) & HUGH PARKHURST(-1845)

The obituary of their son John (child IV) continued;

> Hugh at 171 Main Street and later establishing a store at 95 Main Street,his son John Frederick being associated with him in business.He disposed of the last named store to Almon B. Cook,who has since continued in the business,about 1892, removing to Denver,Colorado,shortly afterward and later to Riverside.
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> He married Miss Sarah P.Wonson,who passed away quite a number of years ago,his son dying after his removal to Riverside.He was the last survivor of seven children,and is survived by two grandchildren.
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> He was a member of Tyrian Lodge of Masons previous to his removal west,transferring his membership to a lodge in Riverside.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT b.Dec.29,1812 and d.Jan.9,1860 of "consumption" age 47y.0m.11d. He m.June 8,1834 Sally Davis who was b.Aug.17,1812 and d.Dec. 26,1903 age 91y.4m. 9d. She was dau. of Samuel Davis and Sally Day. G.E.M. has the following; "Sam was a fisherman and rose to be master.He went skipper on the Richmond 82 tons,Clinton 50 tons,Clarion 72 tons (old tonnage) and others; after codfish and mackeral,sailing for the firm of Epes Merchant & Son until about 1847.Gorham went till 1847 and Sam probably the same.After the disolution of the firm,Addison and Gorham carried on the business until Sam's death in 1860,Gorham dying in 1849.
News Item: Tel.Oct.23,1839 Sam was chosen on the town Whig Commitee.
He carried on the smoked halibut business with Moses Lufkin,this Moses Lufkin probably first in the business,the fish being smoked in a hen house on Eastern Ave.on the Thomas estate.His place of business was on Friends Island (now 5 pound island) (R.D.M. Now State fish pier and connected to mainland) It was in this business that he made his money,six to eight thousand dollars at his death. By his fathers will he recieved the Shute & Merchant property.His health was always --------- ? as contrasted with other robust constitutions.Slight of build,the seeds of consumption early showing in his constitution." End qwote. Samuel and his wife,Sally Davis begot 8 children as follows;

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT JR. b.Aug.17,1834 more p.-172

CHILD II SARAH ABIGAIL MERCHANT (Abbie) b.June 14,1836 m.Feb.6,1857 James Lovell Shute.She died in 1927.James Shute with his brother-in-law William T. Merchant (Child IV below) established the fishing firm of "Shute & Merchant" about 1862.(See history of William T.Merchant for more about the firm) James b. 1833 and d.1908. Both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. more p.-176

CHILD III EPES MERCHANT b.Nov.6,1837 and d.July 13,1840 age 2y.8m.7d.

CHILD IV WILLIAM THOMAS MERCHANT b.Feb.3,1840 more p.-177

CHILD V EPES MERCHANT (2nd) b.Aug.20,1842 and d.Aug.12,1869 age 26y.11m.23d.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

A list of their children,their 6th child being;

CHILD VI ADA B.MERCHANT b.Sept.30,1845 and d.May 31,1853 age 7y.8m.1d.

CHILD VII LEWIS HOLMES MERCHANT b.April 3,1849 more p.-181

CHILD VIII EFFIE MERCHANT b. 1853/1854 d.Jan.31,1854

G.E.M.'s records state that Samuel and Sally Davis had eight children then he lists Samuel Jr. and three others only the rest of the page was blank and no following pages found.However additional material was recieved from descendants of James L.Shute and Abbie Merchant so as to complete the records.

Following is a newspaper item on Sally,wife of Samuel;

SMART OLD LADY

MRS.SALLY MERCHANT,89 YEARS OLD,DOES HER OWN HOUSEWORK.

Mrs.Sally,widow of the late Samuel Merchant,who was 89 years old August 19,(we have 17th) is still keeping house for herself and doing her own housework herself.She has lived in the same house that she now lives in for more than 65 years.She is the mother of seven children,all of whom have passed away except one, who is the wife of Mr.James L.Shute,who would be glad to give her a home with him if she would live with them.

She is descended from two of Gloucester's oldest families, her mother being the only daughter of Demic,son of David Day and her father Samuel Davis,comes down from the first Samuel, born in 1703(?) who came to Sandy Bay in 1715 with his father John Davis.

The first Samuel married Deborah,daughter of Thomas Harris, in 1725,and had a son born in 1727,who was the second Samuel. He married Anna Baker Plummer,October 8,1748,and had a son born in 1750,the third Samuel.The latter married Margaret Grover, (daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Grover) May 4,1778,and a son was born to them in 1782,being the fourth Samuel who was the father of the widow,Sally Merchant.This fourth Samuel,had a son Samuel born April 19,1807,who died in Bristol,Maine,Nov.9,1884,leaving another Samuel,born June 15,1845,he being the sixth Samuel in a direct line from John Davis,who came from Ipswich to Sandy Bay in 1715. (Date of clipping 1901)

CAPE ANN ADVERTIZER - JAN.13,1860

January 9th,1860 Mr.Samuel Merchant,of the firm of Messrs. A.Merchant & Company, 47 years and 11 days.

Five Pound Island - 1893

Several schooners laid up at the island for the duration of the winter and until spring. Samuel Merchant (son of Epes Merchant and Sally Thomas) had his place of business here sometime between 1848-1860,then called Friends Island.

(From the collection of Gorden W.Thomas)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

Samuel and his wife,Sally were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery,Lot # 146.

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT JR. b.Aug.17,1834 and d.Feb.11,1877 at Pernambuco, South America,of "fever".He married Susie Maria Snow. (R.D.M. - Pernambuco is in northeast Brazil and is now called Recife.Do not confuse with Paramaribo, the Port in Surinam.) G.E.M. writes: "He went fishing when young.At 16 years of age he went to Calcutta in ship "Southern Cross",Capt.George -------. While there he had malarial fever and came near dying.The cargo out was rice with assorted cargo home.He went on this voyage in 1851.Later he went to the west coast of Africa after palm oil,brought on 50,000 gallons,trading for the same with rum and calicos etc.There fever came aboard and the captain's wife died and was buried at sea.This was in a bark and he was a mate.The captain was sick and Samuel assumed command.The captain was a Cape Cod man.(R.D.M. - A bark is a three masted ship with the first two rigged with square sails and the other with fore and aft rigging.) Later he went in a bark,Capt.John Poor,which belonged here,probably the "Tropic Bird". He went fishing in the Schooner, "Leonard McKenzie".This he left and went in the "Hattie M.-----" to Rio,up the straits ----- to South America etc. and to England etc.He died of yellow fever and was buried on shore,his grave being marked with a stone sent out by his folks." (R.D.M. - Cousin Sam died at age 42y.5m.22d. In his short life he saw a lot of the world.)

We are unable to locate but one child of Samuel.The records are either missing or unfinished at this point.Perhaps Sam had only one child.He was away a lot.

CHILD A EPES WILLIAM MERCHANT b.Jan.16,1873 more p.-173

The obituary of Samuel Merchant Jr.;

THE CAPE ANN ADVERTIZER - Feb.16,1877

"A telegram was recieved on Wednesday,announcing the death of Capt.Samuel Merchant,master of the three-masted schooner "Hattie N.Gove" of this port,at Pernambuco,where he arrived on the 16th --- after a 32 days passage from New York.No paticulars of his sickness and death have been recieved,but it is supposed that his decease was occasioned by yellow fever,which is reported to be prevalent at that port.Capt.Merchant was the oldest son of the late Samuel Merchant of this city and was well known in this community.He was a young man of agreeable manners and of good habits,and was a general favorite among his acquantances and friends.Capt.Merchant served with credit as an ensign in the United States Navy during the Rebellion and passed much of his life at sea,for the past 3 years as master of the "Hattie N.Gove",on foreign voyages.He leaves a widow and 5 children in this city,who have the sympathies of a large circle of relatives and friends in this their time of bereavement."

(F.R.M. - From the above,we note Samuel had 5 children,we have only the one.)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT JR.(1834-1877) & SUSIE MARIA SNOW(-)

CHILD A EPES WILLIAM MERCHANT b.Jan.16,1873 and was buried March 16,1932 at Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 255. He m.Oct.1,1895 Nellie R.Perkins.She was b.Sept.13,1873 (at Gloucester) and d.Nov.9,1913 age 40y.1m.26d. of "cardiac dilitation of heart".She was dau. of Henry Perkins and Phoebe Riggs. Epes married again June 3,1916 Sarah Wonson,a widow aged 39.No children by her. Epes and Nellie Perkins begot the following children;

CHILD a HILDA MERCHANT b.Oct.10,1895 and buried Dec.21,1943 at Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 255.She m.Aug.10,1918 Dr.D.Cilfton Ginn,a dentist from Dennisport.He age 30 and was son of David R.Ginn and Anna Chase.

GINN - MERCHANT In this city,August 10,by Rev.L.M.Powers,D.D., Dr.David Clifford Ginn of Dennisport and Miss Hilda Merchant of this city.

CHILD b PHOEBE MERCHANT b.March 7,1899 and d.Sept.25,1899 age 0y.6m. 8d.

CHILD c EUNICE MERCHANT b.June 25,1900 and d.Nov.26,1900.

CHILD d GEORGE PERKINS MERCHANT G.E.M. does not have a listing on him but we have a clipping which shows him graduating from Brown University in 1924 and marrying Lydia Arnold in Jan.1927.We do not have a date of his birth but will guess at child d. (F.R.M. - I find a George P.Merchant buried in the Elks Lot at Beechbrook Cemetery,stone dates are 1901-1952,perhaps this is he.)
more p.-174

CHILD e LORA MERCHANT b.April 10,1904 m.Feb.11,1928 Harry Price of Baltimore. more p.-175

The undated note below was found among the clippings on the family of Epes W.

Mr.George E.Merchant
Gloucester,Mass.

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing a letter which I have here which requires an answer. I havent't the time nor the inclination to look up all this data at the present time.

As far as I myself go,I have nothing to the glory of the Merchant family.In fact,it is the opposite.

I thought,if you wanted to fill this in for me,I would pay you for your trouble,and send it up to him.I believe you have this data.If not,just let the matter drop.

Yours very truly,

Epes W.Merchant

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT JR.(1834-1877) & SUSIE MARIA SNOW(-)

CHILD A EPES W.MERCHANT(1873-1932) & NELLIE PERKINS(1873-1913)

(R.D.M. - "It appears that this Epes W. was recipient of an inquiry of a genealogical nature.We can assume that genealogy was not a subject high in the interests of Epes W. If the records of G.E.M. are correct this Epes W. was m.Oct.1,1895 and had child a Hilda on Oct.10 of the same month. We do not know about his father,Samuel Jr.,in this regard as we are missing too many dates. However his grandfather Samuel m.June 8,1834 and had Samuel Jr. b.Aug.17 of that same year.Perhaps these facts stifled his interest in genealogy as these people lived in an era of Victorian morality and/or hypocrisy. G.E.M. and Epes W. were second cousins.The letter seems stiff and formal.

This is the third Epes William Merchant that we have disinterred.The first was in the William chapter (page 132),he was a teamster who died age 30 of T.B. He had one child,Clarence who went west but was driven back to Gloucester by the awful Kansas grasshoppers.The second Epes W. was child 1. in this chapter (page 156),and the very sucessful and prominent businessman and bank president. He left no children."

Nothing further on the history of Epes W Merchant's children but do have some typed clippings pertaining to child d,and child e.

CHILD d GEORGE PERKINS MERCHANT (no data for certain but have dates from a gravestone in Beechbrooke Cemetery 1901-1952,it could be he)

LOCAL MAN WEDS WOONSOCKET GIRL (Jan.21,1927)

A charming wedding,attractive in its simplicity,took place last Saturday afternoon in the Universalist Church house on Earle Street,Woonsocket,R.I.,when Miss Margaret Lydia Arnold, daughter of Mr.and Mrs.Manning Arnold of 631 Providence Street in that city,and George Perkins Merchant,son of Mr.and Mrs.Epes Merchant of this city were united in marriage by Rev.E.Dean Ellenwood,pastor of the First Universalist Church.The ceremony, at 5 o'clock,took place in the library,in the presence of the immediate families and a few intimate friends.The attendants were Mr.and Mrs.Arthur Story Wonson of this city,the best man being the son of Mrs.Epes W.Merchant by a former marriage.

The bride wore a Lanvin model gown of cafe au lait chiffon over self color flat crepe and close fitting hat of the same shade.Her matron of honor wore a Poiret model gown of cocoa brown satin-faced crep and hat to match.Both had corsage bouquets of Briarcliffe roses.

Immediately following the ceremony,there was an informal reception in the home of the bride's parents where a buffet lunch was served.Decorations in the home were of flowers and ferns.

The bride attended Alviene University,New York,and for the past year has been playroom director in the municipal recreation

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD I SAMUEL MERCHANT JR.(1834-1877) & SUSIE MARIA SNOW(-)

CHILD A EPES W.MERCHANT(1873-1932) & NELLIE PERKINS(1873-1913)

A Times article on the wedding of their 4th child,George P.Merchant,continued;

department of the city of Woonsocket.

The bridegroom was graduated from Brown University in the class of 1924 and is a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He is assistant sales manager of the General Seafoods Corporation of this city.

Mr.and Mrs.Merchant will make their home here and will be at home to their friends at 29 Pleasant Street,after February 1.

CHILD e LORA MERCHANT b.April 10,1904 (continued from page 173)

PRICE - MERCHANT (Feb.11,1928)

St.John's Episcopal Church was the scene of a wedding of local social interest Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when Miss Lora Merchant,daughter of Epes W.Merchant,of this city, became the bride of James Harry Price of Baltimore,Md.,a student at Harvard Theological School in Cambridge.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop John Thomas Dallas of New Hampshire,assisted by Rev.Donald Donovan and Rev.Joseph H.C.Cooper,rector of St.John's Church.The alter decorations were of pink roses.

The wedding party was in afternoon dress,the bride wearing honey beige silk crepe with hat and accessories to match.Her bouquet was purple sweet peas and yellow tea roses.She was attended by Miss Hazel Damon of Rockland,her roommate at Jackson Colledge and traveling companion in Europe last year.The maid of honor's dress was of pistache green crepe,with hat to match,and she carried pink sweet peas and roses.The groom's attendant was Mario Rees of Boston,a classmate at the ------

The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception at Winchester Arms and here a note of informality prevailed,afternoon tea being served to some 30 members of the families of the bride and groom and immediate friends.

The rooms at Winchester Arms were made most attractive with bowls of daffodils,yellow freesias,roses and carnations.Mrs. Epes W.Merchant poured at the tea table and the guests from out-of-town included the parents of the groom from the South and intimate friends of the young couple from Boston.

The bride who has been a student with Adamowski concert pianist,was graduated from Gloucester High School '22 and Jackson Colledge in June and has had a Cambridge apartment where she and her husband will make their residence until his graduation from the theological school in June.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD II SARAH ABIGAIL MERCHANT (ABBIE) b.June 14,1836 (continued from page 169)She m.Feb.6,1857 James L.Shute.His obituary next page;first "Remembrances"

THE MAN ON THE LOOKOUT

The demise of James L.Shute vividly recalls some of the happiest days of my life back in the 70's when with our families, we were among the pioneers of camp life on the Annisquam River. Pearce's now Merchant's Island,was the sopt selected and we were installed for several seasons in Uncle Simeon Merchant's cottages.There were also several families there from Chelsea and elsewhere,and all the comforts and enjoyments of camp life in its full completion were greatly enjoyed.

Mr.Shute and his young family were our most intimate friends, and the long summer days were fully enjoyed,especially by the children,who out 'in G-ds fresh air and sunlight',made the time fly merrily in boating,berrying,picnicking,bathing and the many other pleasures which such a resort afforded.

Of course the men folks went to business nearly every day, esteeming themselves fortunate if they could get a day off now and then,and would go on a fishing excursion out in the bay, or after berries in the West Gloucester woods,finding time between whiles to extricate from their sandy beds a bountiful supply of the succulent bivalves,commonly known as clams,which were served up as most toothsome viands;boiled,or fried,or the most delectable chowder.

Mr.Shute was one of the most social natures,ever ready to do his part to make the time pass pleasantly,and his cottage was the resort for social gatherings long to be remembered by the participants.It was the custom during the pleasant evening hours for the cottages to gather around the flag staff and pass the time in song and social converse.Uncle Sim,as Mr.Merchant was familiarly called,would take in the flag amid the singing of patriotic songs and the hours went joyfully on until bed time asserted its claims.

Nearly 40 years have passed since those days of the early campers.The waters of the old Annisquam River still ebb and flow,and many fine houses have been built along its sightly banks as out of door life in the summer time finds added numbers each year.The people thoroughly appreciate the many advantages to be derived from the change afforded,and from the small beginning of the pioneers,there will,in the next decade,arise hotels and many more summer houses,which will bring a large amount of business and pleasure to this section of our city.

Jan.13,1909

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD II SARAH ABIGAIL MERCHANT(1836-1927) & JAMES L.SHUTE(1833-1908)

The obituary of James L.Shute;

LAID AT REST

MR.SHUTE'S FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED YESTERDAY

The funeral of the late James L.Shute took place from his late residence,4 Commonwealth Avenue,yesterday afternoon.

The services which were of a simple yet impressive character were conducted by Rev.William H.Rider,D.D.,who read from the scriptures,offered prayer,and read a selection by Tennyson, and also an anonymous poem entitled "Tired Out",and spoke briefly but touchingly upon the pure and happy domestic life of the deceased,his sagacity in business and his many excellent traits of character.The services were attended by a large number of the leading business men of the city.

The interment in the family lot at Oak Grove Cemetery was private,the pall bearers being Andrew Smith,Roland Smith,Percy W.Merchant and Edward H.Griffin.

Judge Henry L.Shute of Exeter,N.H. and Edward B.Presson of Springfield,for 19 years commercial traveller for Shute & Merchant attended the funeral.

Jan.8,1909

Nothing further on child III Epes Merchant as he died as a child so will cont.;

CHILD IV WILLIAM THOMAS MERCHANT b.Feb.3,1840 and d.Nov.23,1896 age 56y.9m. 20d. He m.Dec.18,1862 Eliza Lamson Wonson who was b.March 20,1840 and d.June 27,1894 of "acute nephritis" at age 54y.3m.7d. She was the dau. of John Fletcher Wonson and Ann Elizabeth Webber.Both were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery Lot #189. William married 2nd. Mrs.Fannie Ramsay,(no other information).

William T.Merchant began life (sic) as a clerk with the firm of Addison & Samuel Merchant.On the breaking up of the firm in 1860,he with his brother in law (James L.Shute) established the succesful firm of "Shute & Merchant".They handle $300.000 a year.At one time they had seventeen sail of vessels but of late years they have confined their business to dealers only.-G.E.M. early 1900's.

From the Times;

Resolved; That we tender the thanks of this board to our President, William T.Merchant,Esq.,for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over us during the past year,and we direct that this resolve be entered upon the journal at the close of the record for 1877.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD IV WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1840-1896) & ELIZA WONSON(1840-1894)

From the Times continued;

> The order was unanimously adopted.
> President Merchant responded briefly,thanking the members for their courtesy,and stating that his connection with them the past year had been both pleasant and profitable.He commended the common council of 1877 for the wise and judicious legislation, and felt that their constituents should be proud of their record.
> Adjourned to Monday evening,next,at 7 1-2 o'clock.
>
> Dec.19,1877

BUSINESS EMBARRASSEMENTS

> A meeting of the creditors of Messrs.Shute & Merchant was held on Monday afternoon,when a statement,showing their liabilities to be $67,000,and nominal assets $52,000,was presented. A committee of the creditors consisting of Messrs.W.H.Wonson, 3rd,Charles H.Pew and N.H.Phillips were appointed to investigate the affairs and report at a subsequent meeting.
>
> May 8,1878

> A second meeting of the creditors of Shute & Merchant was held Monday afternoon,to hear the report of the committee appointed at a previous meeting,who reported in favor of compromise of 20 per cent cash,10 per cent in 4 months and 10 per cent in 8 months,unindorsed notes of the firm.It was voted to accept the offer.
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> May 15,1878

William T.Merchant and Eliza L.Wonson begot 9 children as followes;

CHILD A EFFIE HOWARD MERCHANT b.Oct.18,1863 m.Oct.6,1884 to Otis Preston Wass.Otis was b.1863 and was son of Ira S.Wass and Louisa M.Reed.They begot;

CHILD a ROLAND M.WASS b.Dec.20,1886

CHILD B WILLIE FRANK MERCHANT b.Oct.17,1865 and d.Feb.8,1866 age 3m.19d.

CHILD C NELLIE WONSON MERCHANT b.Jan.27,1868 and d.June 16,1868 age 4m.19d. of "disease of the brain".

CHILD D CORA FITCH MERCHANT b.June 28,1872. She unmarried,had a baby b.May 20,1898.Later m.Dec.24,1902 Alfred Green.He was b.1862 (age 40 at marriage) and was son of L---- Green and Adliza M.Sherman.He was born in New Bedford and resides in Detroit.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD IV WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1840-1896) & ELIZA WONSON(1840-1894)

Their 5th child;

CHILD E WILLIAM THOMAS MERCHANT JR. b.Aug.9,1874 and d.March 14,1897 at age 22y.7m.5d. of "heart disease" and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 189. He died a few months after his fathers death and two years after his mother.

CHILD F GRACE CENTER MERCHANT b.Dec.28,1876 and d.July 28,1877 age 7m.

CHILD G HATTIE PRESTON MERCHANT(twin) b.Jan.9,1878 and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Lot # 189 on May 8,1941 at age 63y.

CHILD H ANNIE BRAY MERCHANT(twin) b.Jan.9,1878 and d.Aug.2,1878 age 6m. 24d.

CHILD I FREDERIC WONSON MERCHANT Data on Fred is missing.He was alive at his fathers death in Nov.1896. (See his fathers obituary)

The obituary of William T.Merchant;

MR.WILLIAM T.MERCHANT

who has been seriously ill for several months,from a complication of diseases,died at his residence on Commonwealth Avenue on Sunday at the age of 56 years.

Mr.Merchant was a descendant from an old Gloucester family which had long been identified with the marine and fishing interests,being the son of Samuel and Sally Merchant,and a descendant from Jabez Merchant or Marchant,who settled in Gloucester about 1720.

He took a great interest in public affairs and though not a politician as the word is usually understood,he was one of the board of selectmen in 1870 and 1871 and represented ward six in the common council in 1876 and 1877,being president of the board the following year,and in 1878 served as alderman from the same ward,his removal from the ward preventing his re-election.

He was a member of Tyrian Lodge of Masons,joining the lodge May 6,1871,also of Ocean Lodge of Odd Fellows,since February 14,1870,having been raised to the chair of Noble Grand the following year,and of the Gloucester Council,Royal Arcanum and Roger Conant Council,American Legion of Honor.

He was a prominent member of the Independent Christian Church.

Mr.Merchant was twice married,his first wife being Miss Eliza, daughter of Mr.John F.Wonson,and his second wife being Mrs.Fannie Ramsay.He leaves two sons,Frederic,and William T.,and three daughters,Mrs.Effie,wife of Preston O.Wass,and Missee Cora and Hattie.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD IV WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1840-1896) & ELIZA WONSON(1840-1894)

His obituary continued;

Mr.Merchant associated himself with Mr.James L.Shute some forty years ago,establishing the well-known firm of Shute & Merchant,continuing in the business until failing health compelled his withdrawal a few months since.

Mr.Merchant possessed the esteem of this entire community, of a genial disposition,fair minded and of marked ability as a business man,he filled all positions which was of credit to himself and of benifit to his native city.He was one whom it was a pleasure to meet,always greeting one with a pleasent word and endeavoring to make the best of life.He was a man of high moral charactor and we can truthfully say that this community has been benefitted by his having lived in it.

He has been out of health for some time,and has made a brave fight to overcome his serious physical troubles,and there was hope at one time that he might so far recover his health as to be spared for a time longer to his family and friends,but his disease had seated itself too deeply to be moved by the skill of physicians and the inevitable has been for some weeks anticipated.Of him it may be truly written:

"One less at home!
The charmed circle broken;a dear face
Missed day by day from its accustomed place;
But cleansed and saved and perfected by grace;
One more in heaven!"

"One more in heaven!
Another thought to brighten cloudy days;
Another theme for thankfulness and praise,
Another link on high our souls to raise
To home and heaven!"

His funeral will occur from his late residence on Commonwealth Avenue Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Nov.23,1896

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE

The following glowing words in memory of the late Wm.T.Merchant of this city,are published in the New England Grocer;

Mr.William T.Merchant of Shute & Merchant,Gloucester,Mass, died on Monday,last week after a somewhat protracted illness. Mr.Merchant was a man superior to the ordinary man in this respect; He was a man,was full of brotherly love and good will,who always appeared before one with a smile which was a benediction,and made one think,in the words of the poet,that "every cloud has a

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.6.SAMUEL MERCHANT(1812-1860) & SALLY DAVIS(1812-1903)

CHILD IV WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1840-1896) & ELIZA WONSON(1840-1894)

From "The New England Grocer" continued;

> silver lining". His very presence on an occasion,would bring sunshine;and those people who were fortunate enough to be in that atmosphere with him would say, "What a pleasure it is to have that man here". A man who commands the respect that he recieved from his fellow men is more than the ordinary man,and is truly one of the noblest works of G-d.He was a good and kind neighbor,a law abiding citizen,loyal and patriotic;and he was one of those men who trusted in G-d and said He would make all things right.'I very often think of my business relations with him,'says one who knew him well in life,"and think what my clerks said:What a pleasure business would be if we could trade with men like him;because he was consistent and always used good judgment,and said they did the best they could under the circumstances,that all were human and perhaps might err. He did not use others for personal gain and in the words of a spiritual adviser,All know just how he stands and can use our judgment accordingly."
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> His word was as good as his bond,and he always would do by others as he would have them do by him under like circumstances - in other words he was a christian man in every sense,and a repetition of the good Samaritan.So when he crossed over on that bridge of golden sunset the Master welcomed him with these words: "Well done,good and faithful servant,thou hast been faithful unto few things,I will make thee ruler over many ---
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> End of clipping

Nothing further on child V Epes Merchant (2nd) nor on child VI Ada B.Merchant so will continue with;

CHILD VII LEWIS HOLMES MERCHANT b.April 3,1849 and d.March 4,1891.He m. Dec.25,1872 Hannah Van Pragg Center.She was b.March 13,1854 and d.April 15,1921 at age 67y.1m.2d. He d.age 41y.11m.1d. She was dau. of Solomon Center and Amanda Currier.Both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 701.

G.E.M. "Lewis in early life made a few voyages fishing but evidently had no taste for that sort of life,although fond of boats and vessels,and having a ready pencil,he oft was found making drawings of his favorite types of crafts of all sorts.

Abandoning the sea he became a clerk for Shute & Merchant,assisting in the putting out of vessel stores etc.About 1877,Mr.James L.Shute,conceived the idea of printing direct upon the fish boxes,the various designs which before this had been attached as a paper label.To this end a press was set up in the

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office of the concern,and Mr.George E.Merchant was employed for a short time to operate the same,and instruct Lewis H. in the method of work.The outfit proved entirely inadaquate but from this small beginning has grown the modern box-printing plant of the present.Larger rooms were secured on the wharf property,with Lewis H. in charge.The plant was eventually removed to Willow Street,where a large factory building was erected at both locations.Improved machinery was made possible by the inventive genius of Mr.Merchant."

Lewis H.Merchant served on Republican Ward Commitee 1877-78.

Per.Property - J.L.Shute and William T.Merchant sold to Sally Merchant,widow for $700.,to be held in trust as guardian of Lewis H.,her son,the store at the head of the harbor.G.E.M. did not date this entry but we can assume it was after Jan.9,1860 (date of Samuel's death) and before 1870 in which Lewis H. attained his majority.

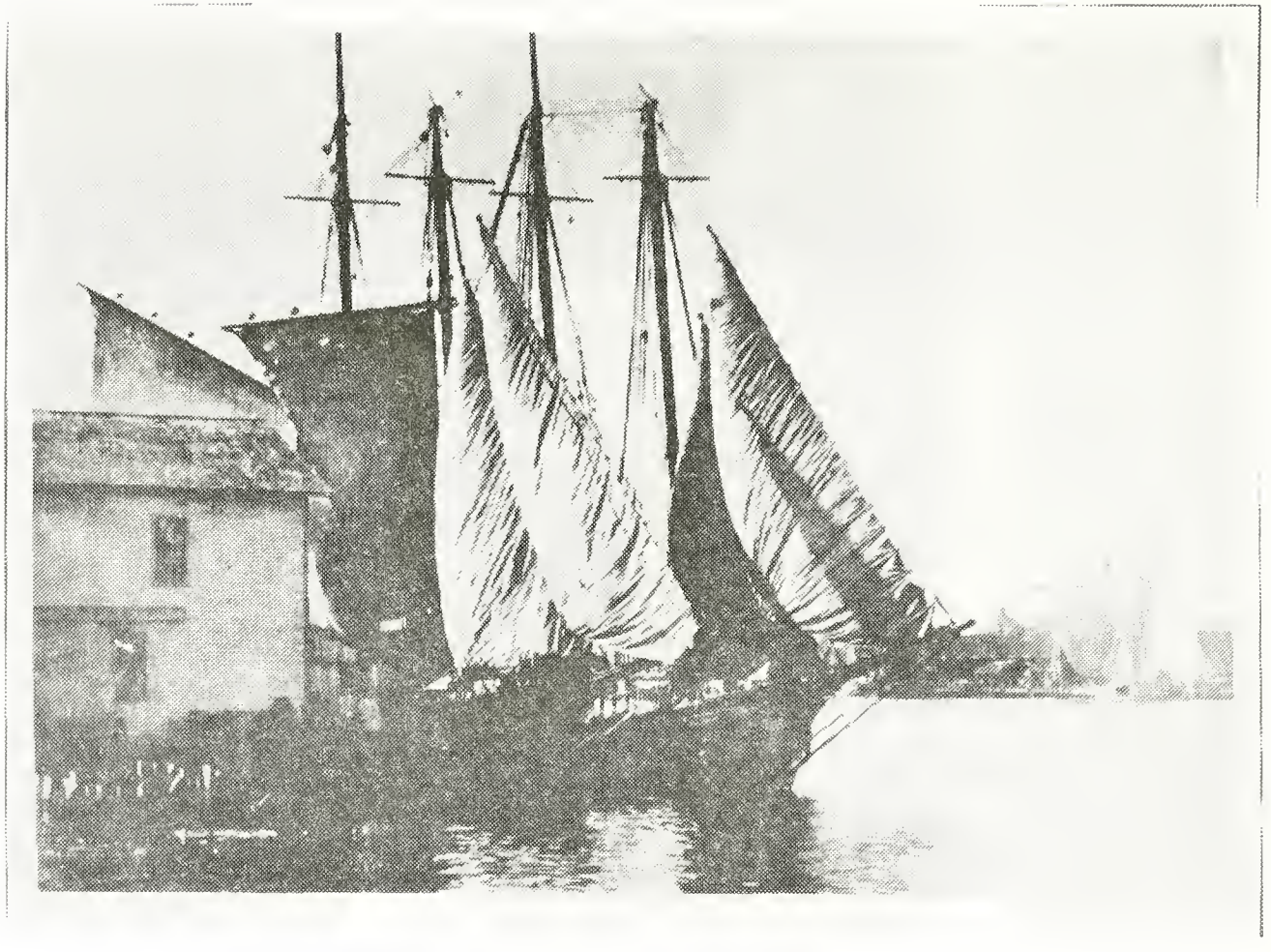
R.D.M. - About fish boxes;Early in this century much fish was salted and dried and or smoked then packed in various size wooden boxes for shipment to wholesalers or retailers.The housewife could purchase a box of fish and remove the amount needed for a meal,then soak and drain it a couple of times and the fish would regain some of the flavor and texture of fresh fish.Modern refrigerstion and freezing methods have eliminated this method of packaging fish.

The newspaper clippings (obituary etc.) typed on the following pages,show us that Lewis H.Merchant must have been a man of considerable financial substance. He took a trip with his wife to the Pacific coast.The account of his trip is interesting and gives a picture of Southern California as it was 90 years ago. He didn't like Yuma,Arizona.He had planned to go to Colorado the following year but his T.B. got the better of him and he died that year,a month short of age 42.

Lewis H. provided the means for a college education for his two daughters, and left enough for his widow,who survived him by thirty years and left an estate of $48,177.93.His widow busied herself with community projects up to the time of her death in 1921.

The two daughters were "career women" which was still a rare thing even in the 1920s.The only other career women we have discovered in this work up to the present were the two daughters of James Merchant Jr. (See William chapter page 94 - 97).They were Francis R.Merchant(1838-1903) and her sister,Juliette, (1844-). Francis was a writer and newspaper correspondent and Juliette became a physician and went to Texas.

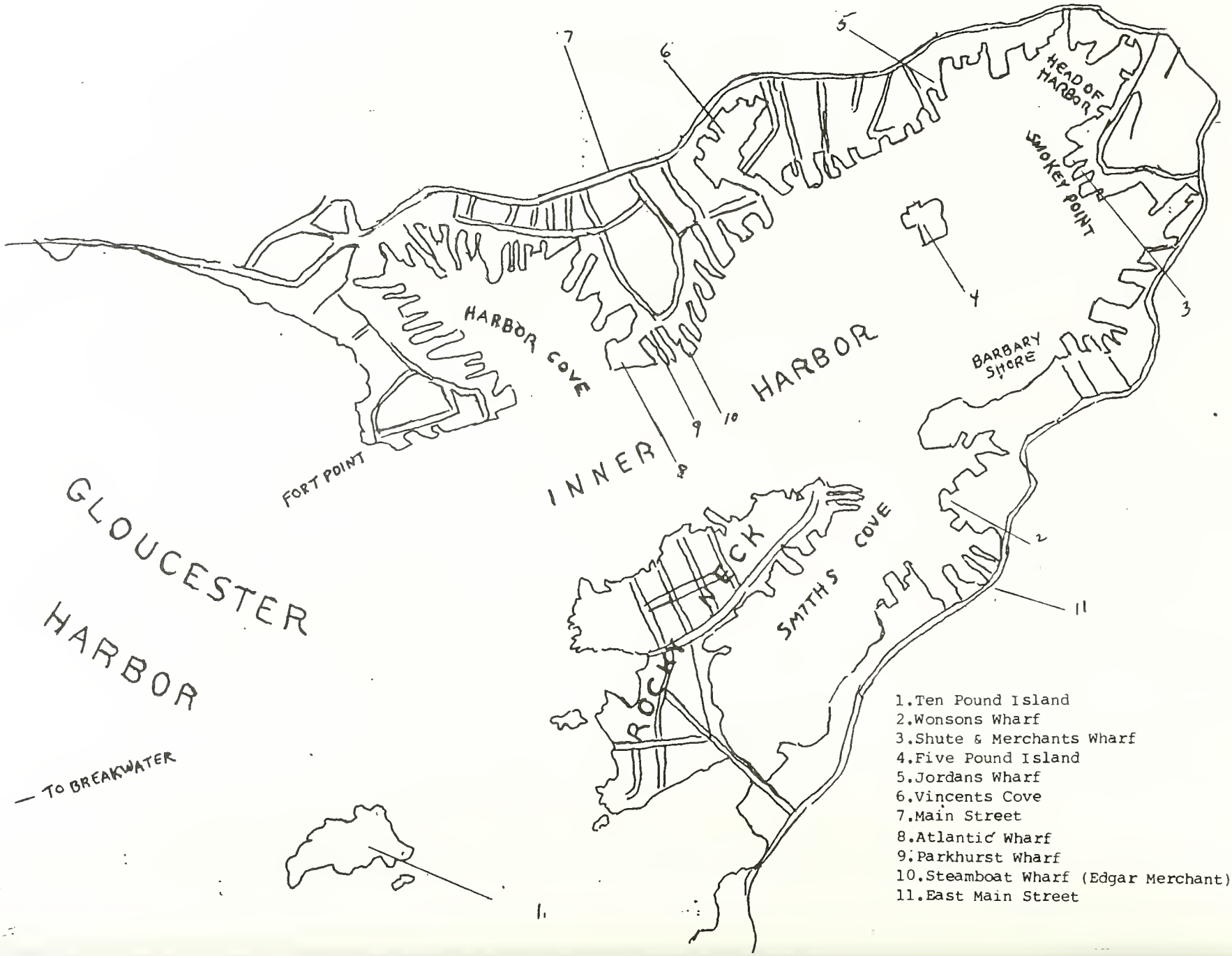
The next page is a photo of the "Shute & Merchant Wharf" and then follows a sketch of Gloucester Harbor.Then we shall return to the children of Lewis H. Merchant and Hannah Van Pragg Center.



Shute & Merchant Wharf - 1912

Vessels drying their sails at the Shute & Merchant Wharf at the head of the Harbor. The company was established in 1862 by James L.Shute and William T.Merchant (son of Samuel Merchant and Sally Davis). It was a large wharf with several buildings and 2,000 feet of fish flakes.It also included a 90 foot smoke house.During its busy season,employed 200 people.The firm went out of business before World War I.

(From the collection of Gorden W.Thomas)



1. Ten Pound Island
2. Wonsons Wharf
3. Shute & Merchants Wharf
4. Five Pound Island
5. Jordans Wharf
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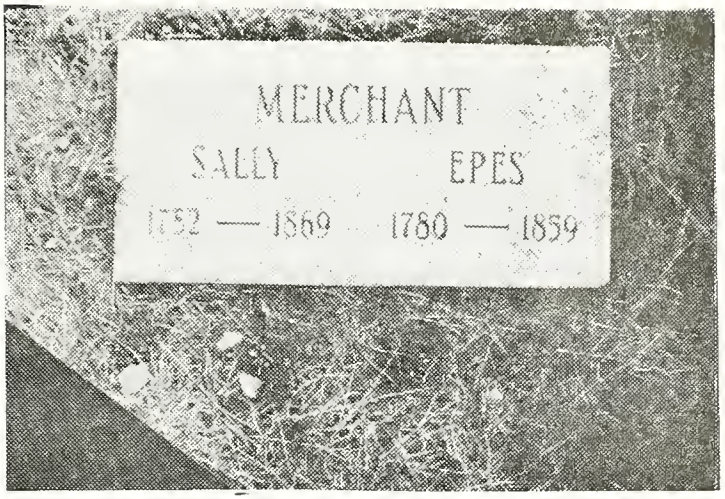
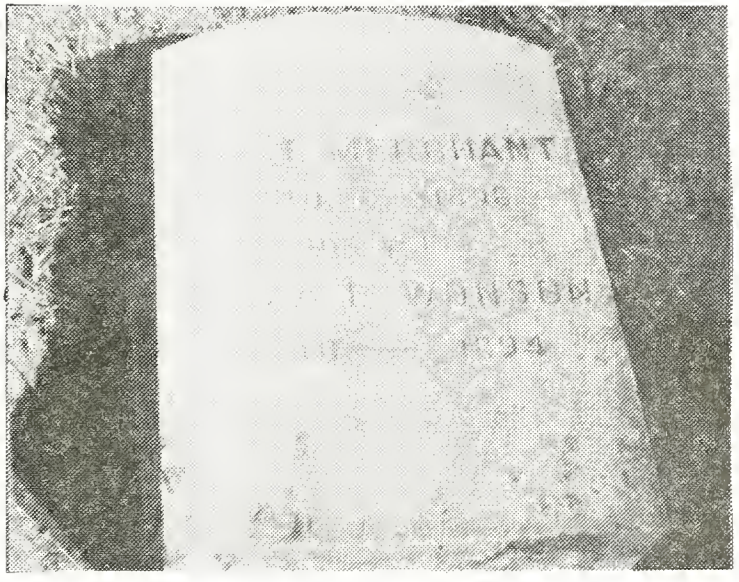
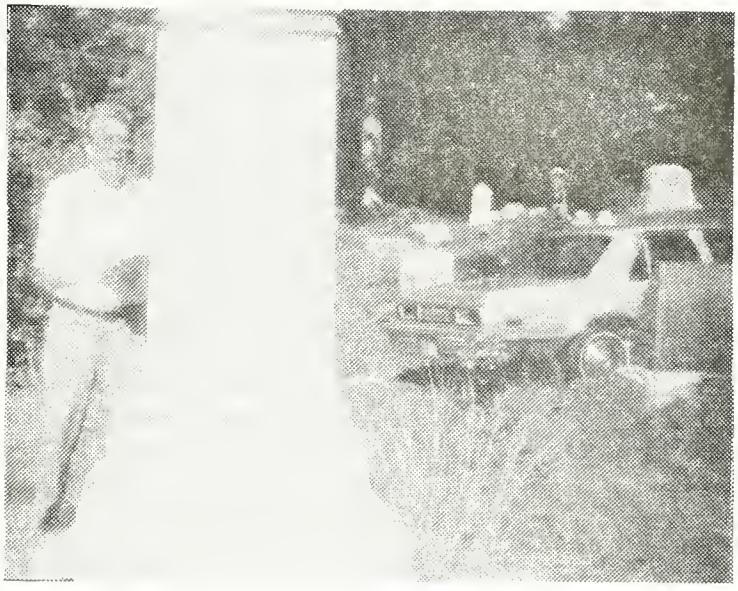
7. Main Street
8. Atlantic Wharf
9. Parkhurst Wharf
10. Steamboat Wharf (Edgar Merchant)
11. East Main Street



Epes and Sally (Thomas) Merchant rest here at Oak Grove Cemetery



William T.Merchant and his wife Eliza also here at Oak Grove.This William with James Shute were the owners of the "Shute & Merchant Co."



(R.D.M.) taking data from the Lewis H.Merchant monument at Oak Grove Cemetery - Abt.1977-79.

(F.R.M.) restoring the Robblee Lot in the Beechbrook Cemetery at West Gloucester in 1980.The monument is that of Ida Allen,his great grandmother.Neither he nor R.D.M. knew of each other at this time.

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Lewis H. and his wife,Hannah V.P.Center begot three children;

CHILD A LEWIS HOLMES MERCHANT b.Jan.8,1874 and d.Jan.10,1874 age 2d. He died of "erysipilas".

CHILD B HELEN BURNHAM MERCHANT b.Dec.30,1877 (monument at Oak Grove Cemetery has Dec.29,1878).She d.March 25,1962 at age 84y.2m.26d.

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CHILD C ABBIE SHUTE MERCHANT b.Feb.3,1882 and d.July 27,1982 at age of 100y.4m.24d. She had been in a nursing home in No.Carilina,died there and both sisters were buried with their parents at the Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 701. Neither sister ever married.

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The following typed newspaper clipping concerns a trip that Lewis and his wife made to the West Coast dated March 6,1890.

A private letter recently recieved from Mr.Lewis H.Merchant, who with Mrs.Merchant is now in California on a pleasure trip, encloses "A Lyste for ye Dinnere,cooked on ye 22d daye of Februarie,ye fame wch is Washington's Birthdaye,Anno Domini MDCCCXC,at six of ye clocke,at ye Goode Old Inn called Raymond Tavern,situate in ye village of East Passadena,California State; and ye Landlord Merrill do wish all muche joye and goode healthe on this daye," with the request that it be published in the Breeze.We will try to find room for the same tomorrow.The letter, a portion of which has been furnished us for publication,reads:

********** the dining room was tastfully decorated with flags and flowers;the dinner being served in fine order.

This has been one of the worst winters Southern California has ever experienced,still it seems very fine to us.From the middle of February until the last of March,this country is seen at its best;all nature is fresh and green;flowers in profusion,both wild and cultivated.We have traveled up and down nearly all of its beautiful valleys,the most beautiful to us being the valley of Santa Clara.In this valley is the little town or hamlet of Camulus,where stands the home of Ramona;we stop near the house and gaze upon it,but are not allowed to enter.The parties who own the ranch at present have been imposed upon so much by tourists that they have been obliged to withdraw the latch string.The house is not as large,nor did the surroundings look as I had pictured them in my mind when reading Mrs.Jackson's (H.H.) book,still it was very interesting. "Father Gaspara" was at San Diego while we were there but we did not see him.At San Jacinto the man who shot Alessandro is

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A trip to California continued; (the letter published in the Breeze)

still living.There are other characters mentioned in the book still living in this part of the country.The observation car on our train was named "Capitano",after Ramona's faithful dog.

If you could see San Jacinto mountain as I have the past few weeks,look up at its lofty peak 10,000 feet above the sea, and nearly one fourth of its side entirely covered with snow, which lasts up to June,and covered again in September,you would wonder at its being selected for the scene of "H.H.'s" story.

We have visited a great many of the missions.The oldest and most interesting were those in Arizona,the oldest was in old Mexico,at Paso del Norte.This mission is 307 years old; it is built of adobe,the beams,rafters and in fact the entire inside,even to the doorsills,are all carved by hand,and all the wood work was massive,the alter was elaborate and very gaudy in tinsel and gold.The old historical paintings,painted on the walls,are very well preserved and show considerable talent.The San Gabriel Mission stands in sight of our hotel (the Raymond) and can be reached in one half hour.This mission is 130 years old,and is visited by many people.I hope some day you will have the experience we had,when leaving the last stopping place in Arizona,before entering the land of fruit and flowers.This place was Yuma,a small settlement of whites,and the Yuma tribe of Indians-the filthiest,I am quite sure,on the face of the earth.The town was almost void of vegetation;the soil entirely adobe,and to help out the picture a large prison holding all the convicts of Arizona,some of them working on the railroad, while two or three lazy looking beings sitting around with guns watching for a chance to pop one off,made the comparison greater. We left Yuma at 7 o'clock P.M. and at 6 A.M. the next morning we looked out of the car window upon the beautiful San Bernardino Vally,full of orange trees loaded with the beautiful seedless oranges called the "Washington Navels." In this valley Redlands and Riverside are located,two cities that in the future will furnish a large proportion of the oranges used in this country.

The greatest drawbacks that Southern California has at present are the lack of fuel and water.Redlands has the only reliable water supply for irrigation.Nearly all the wood used is gotten by digging roots of old grape vines;poor coal,$12 per ton;considerable crude oil is used.There are oil works at Sespie mountains.Manufacturing cannot be carried on here at present.I would like to sit down and write a full account of our trip since leaving Boston,Jan.6,for the Breeze;it would be very interesting.Take my advice in one thing,and no matter what people may say:Never cross the continent unless on a Raymond excursion,if such a thing exists.

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A trip to California continued; (the letter published in the Breeze)

> You never can see so much,or travel so easily.There are parties stopping at the hotel who in previous winters traveled in private cars,who now prefer the Raymond parties."
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> From the portion of the letter printed above,it can easily be seen that Mr. and Mrs.Merchant are thoroughly enjoying their California trip,and we doubt not their many friends in this city will be glad to learn of the fact.
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> (End of clipping)

SERIOUSLY INJURED

> Mr. and Mrs.Lewis H.Merchant,who have been sojourning on the Pacific coast for some months past,arrived home Friday. It may not be generally known that the trip which would otherwise have been a most enjoyable one,was most seriously marred by an accident,which at one time it was thought had deprived Gloucester of two of her citizens.By the overturn of a carriage, Mr. and Mrs. Merchant,(with others of a party)were thrown to the ground and both were picked up in an insensible condition. Mr.Merchant rallied from the shock recieved,but it was found on examination that Mrs.Merchant had recieved a broken hip,besides other serious injuries,from the effects of which she has not as yet fully recovered.She is still improving however,and her friends will welcome the time when that cane can be permanently laid aside.
>
> Dated July 7,1890

Next we have the obituary of Lewis H.Merchant;

LEWIS H.MERCHANT

> "Now thou art in the shadowless land,
> Behind the light of the setting sun;
> And the worst is forgotten,which evil planned,
> And the best that love's glory could win,is won."
>
> A life came to its earthly close this morning,that if man had the ordering of such events would have been prolonged for many years.
>
> A successful business man,with his youth just behind him, having reached the age when one may expect to reap the benefits of experience and to do life's best work;the beloved head of a happy home where the ties of affection were tender and strong; the cherished son of a widowed mother;the favorite companion in a wide circle of friends;has been called away from all these

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The obituary of Lewis H.Merchant continued;

interests and associations to enter in the life beyond.

After a long and painful illness from consumption,with many alternations of hope and dejection,LEWIS H.MERCHANT breathed his last at his home on Washington Street,this morning,in the forty-second year of his age.

Belonging to an old Gloucester family prominently identified with our leading industry,and passing his whole life here,he was widely known in the community and was held in universal esteem because of his integrity in business transactions,his unsullied character,and his generous impulses and genial social qualities.

He was formerly connected in the fishing business with his brother and brother-in-law,Messrs.Shute & Merchant,but a number of years ago left that business and engaged in the manufacture of fish-boxes,erecting a large factory on Willow Street,near the railroad track and building up a large and successful business.

(He was the pioneer in the box printing industry in this city,which he established about 1880 and conducted with such enterprise and skill that it has attained the proportions it now assumes.He introduced many improvements in the machinery then in use,which aided materially in diminishing the labor, and put in the first nailing machine in his factory on Willow Street.)

His health commenced to fail something over a year ago,and he passed last winter in California without recieving any material benefit.This winter he had planned to visit Colorado,but his disease made such rapid progress that it was not deemed prudent for him to leave home.

He was a man of liberal views in religious and political matters,belonging to the republican party,and being an attendant at the Independent Christian Church,with which the family has been prominently identified from the early days of Universalism. He served as a member of the common council from ward two in 1877 and 1880,and as a director of the Gloucester National Bank since 1887.

He was a charter member of Gloucester Council,316,Royal Arcanum,an assessment benefit order that pays a death benefit of three thousand dollars.

With such connections and prospects,could continued health have been granted him,life presented itself in an attractive aspect.

But the ordering of life and death are not in universal law, whose workings we cannot understand,and whose wisdom we should not question,he has been called from all the attractions and

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ties that surrounded him here to whatever of good - and under the Divine ordering there can be no ill - which awaited him beyond the change which we call death.

"What had we wished? A few short years,
Of mingled jest and strife!
Lo! G-d to ----- one hath given,
Eternal,bliss."

Mr.Merchant was a son of Samuel and Sally Merchant.His father has been dead for many years,but his mother survives him,residing at the old homestead on East Main Street.He was married on Christmass day,1872,to Miss Hannah V.P.,daughter of Capt.Solomon and Amanda Currier Center,and his wife and two young daughters are left to mourn the departure of a fond husband and loving father.He also leaves a brother,Mr.William T.Merchant and a sister,Mrs.James L.Shute.

THE LAST SAD RITES

Sadly a large number of the relatives and friends gathered at the residence of the late Lewis H.Merchant on Washington Street yesterday afternoon,to pay the last tribute of respect to the dead.The fishing and business interests of the city were especially well represented.The officiating clergyman was Rev. William H.Rider of the Universalist Church,where the deceased was an attendent.After reading the services for the dead,Mr. Rider made an eloquent address to his hearers.As he closed,the soft,tremulous voice of Mrs.Newell rose in song: "When the Mists have Cleared Away".

"We shall know as we are known,
Never more to walk alone,
In the dawning of the morning
When the mists have cleared away."

A prayer by the officiating clergyman followed,and then a last sad look upon the features of one who ne'er more shall walk among men.The services were impressive throughout.The burial was private,only the immediate relatives of the deceased taking part.The body will be interred in the family lot at Oak Grove Cemetery.

March 4,1891

MERCHANT - In this city,March 4, Mr.Lewis H.Merchant, 41 years,11 months,1 day.

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The obituary of Mrs.Hannah V.P.Merchant;

MANY WILL MOURN DEATH OF MRS.H.V.P.MERCHANT

Mrs.Hannah Van Praag (Center) widow of Lewis H.Merchant, passed away at the Addison Gilbert Hospital about 5 o'clock last evening after an illness of only a few days with pneumonia at the age of 67 years,1 month and 2 days.

She was a native of this city,her parents being Capt.Solomon and Amanda (Currier) Center,and her entire life was spent here. She married Lewis H.Merchant December 25,1872,who passed away March 4,1891.

Few women in Gloucester will be more widely missed than Mrs. Merchant,and the news of her decease coming almost like a thunderbolt from a clear sky,is recieved with universal expressions of sorrow and regret.She was very much interested in all movements for the benefit of the community,and no worthy cause ever appealed to her without recieving assistance.

Among the organizations in which she was active was the Gloucester District Nursing Association,of which she was president and in which she was especially interested,the Gloucester Anti-Tuberculosis Society,of which she was the secretary,the Braewood Hospital Auxiliary,the Community League,she being a strong worker in the establishment of the Community House,the Cape Ann Scientific and Literary Association,and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Addison Gilbert Hospital,she being very active in the work of the auxiliary and the movement to establish a maternity ward in connection with the institution.

She was also one of the most active workers in the Independent Christian (Universalist) Church.

She was a woman of generous impulses and threw her entire energies into whatever she undertook,and her place as a worker in many lines of social uplift it will be difficult to fill. Among her many generosities was the furnishing the supply of milk for the public dispensary,of which she bore the whole expense.

She is survived by two daughters,Misses Helen B. and Abby S. Merchant,both of New York City.

Her funeral will take place from her late home,34 Pleasant Street,on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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After the death of Mrs.Hannah V.P.Merchant (a legal matter)

LOCAL MATTERS AT PROBATE COURT

At the probate court at Salem yesterday,John E.Nelson of this city was appointed conservator of the property of Thankful Jane Haskell.

Inventories were filed of estates of: John Jacobson,$833.83, Hannah V.P.Merchant $48,177.93 and Ella Waddy $1635,all of this city.

What further history that we have on the children of Lewis H. and Hannah is taken from newspaper reports following;

CHILD B HELEN BURNHAM MERCHANT b.Dec.30,1877 and d.March 25,1962

Miss Helen Merchant,daughter of Mrs.Hannah V.P.Merchant of this city, is now assisting in conducting a branch office of Bonbright & Co.,Incorporated,of New York City,which has been opened for the purpose of affording an opportunity to women desireing information relative to making investments an opportunity to conduct business with experienced women trained to understand their difficulties and problems.

The corporation four years ago established the first department of a financial house in this country where women could discuss their investment problems with those of their own sex qualified to advise them,and have recently opened a branch office at 7 East 44th Street,under the management of Mrs.Jacob Riis, Miss Merchant being the first assistant.

Commenting upon the enterprise,the New York Sun in a recent issue speaks as follows:

Last year with its many compaigns for the raising of war funds revealed the hitherto unsuspected fact that the independent woman has become an important factor in the world of finance. Hundreds of thousands of the investors in Liberty bonds were self supporting professional or business women,and the size of their bonds frequently caused people to open their eyes in astonishment.

But though the business woman is succeeding in her various occupations she is eager to provide against the coming of that much dreaded rainy day,yet the average woman is as ignorant as a child when it comes to investing her savings to advantage. She often knows nothing about securities and couldn't to save her life,tell the difference between a stock and a bond.The only safe way she can think of to keep her money is to lock it up in a big strong bank or to hide it in some mysterious place about her apartment or house.

Realizing that ninety out of a hundred women are in this

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Newspaper article continued;

predicament,Bonbright & Co.,have come to the front and established a Woman's Investment Company.It is situated at 7 East 44th Street in an old fashioned brown stone house next to Delmonico's, and the entire management has been turned over to women experienced in the business from an investor's point of view and as well informed on the subject as any man.

All of them have had years of training and some have learned to understand the problems of other women through work in philanthropic and social organizations.They have themselves experienced many of the difficulties that beset other women and know how to meet with and advise them to their best advantage.

In visiting the new investment company for the first time the hesitant feminine client will find herself in anything but chilling office surroundings.Instead,she will be shown into a charming living room,bright with flowered chintz.A big mahogany library table stands in the center of the room and comfortable chairs are ranged about it.Rugs of delft blue cover the floor, and before the fireplace,where a real fire of warm,glowing coals delights the eye,is a great mahogany sofa,upon which she presently finds herself ensconsed beside a woman full of tact and sympathy and the earnest desire to help.

Almost before the prospective investor is aware of it she is confiding to this intelligent,capable woman just how she feels about this important matter of investing her money."I don't know one earthly thing about any of these security companies," she confesses,"and I'm sure that it would be just my luck to pick out something that would go to the wall the next minute. What I want is to put these little savings of mine into something that will bring me a decent rate of interest and yet will be safe." As they talk on the bonds saleswoman tells her about a number of securities that seem to fit her needs.

In order that the prospective investor may understand everything about them her adviser goes into the most minute details. Nothing is too much trouble.If the client is from the West there is a possibility that she may prefer to invest her savings in some growing section of that part of the country where she knows something of conditions.After going into the merits of several companies the lady finally makes her choice and departs,feeling that,far from having been to a formal soulless brokerage firm, she has simply talked her affairs over satisfactorily with a friendly,trustworthy woman who is quite as anxious as she is to dispose of her money to the best advantage.

There are no men about the place,even the secretaries and

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Newspaper article continued;

clerks being women.The atmosphere is quite like that of a social afternoon tea.

"And as a matter of fact,we may serve tea later on,'Miss Laura Harvey observed smilingly when the subject was mentioned to her.'If our clients want it we certainly shall."

Mrs.Jacob Reis is at the head of the company,and the other officers of the firm are: Mrs.William A.Campbell,Miss Helen Merchant,Miss Laura Harvey,Mrs.Charity Evans,Mrs.Edwin A Quick and Mrs.J.C.Monypeny.

Dated Feb.14,1919

Miss Helen Merchant a former resident of this city,and daughter of the late Mrs.Hannah V.P.Merchant of Pleasant St., is the instructor in the spring session in the principles of investment course at Columbia University,New York City. She is with Bonbright & Co.,Incorporated, a large and well-known investment and bond house in New York City,and her capabilities led to her selection to the position as instructor in the course which opens this evening at the University. A play written by her sister,Miss Abby Shute Merchant,entitled, "The New Englander",was recently produced by the Equity Players of ------

Feb.12,1923

Miss Helen Merchant

The photo above found in the New York Herald,Sunday July 2,1922. Helen and her sister Abby were perhaps our first career women except for Francis Ring Merchant and her sister,Juliette.

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Newspaper items follow;

GIRL'S DRAMA PRIZE WINNER

GLOUCESTER YOUNG LADY GETS $600 AWARD

GLOUCESTER - Oct.6, - In a class of 21 competitors,15 of whom were men,Miss Abbie Shute Merchant,a graduate of Smith College, and a prominent Gloucester girl is the winner of the annually offered McDowell prize of $600. for the best play written by a college student."His Womenfolk" is the title of her drama.

Miss Merchant is the daughter of Mrs.Hannah V.P.Merchant of 34 Pleasant Street,Gloucester,is a graduate of the Gloucester High School in 1900,and Smith College in 1904.She has been a contribution to and on the editorial staffs of leading magazines.

OUTSIDER WINS COLLEGE PRIZE

Harvard's coterie of playwrights were beaten by a woman in the annual competition for the MacDowell prize of $600,which is annually offered for the best play submitted by any college student,to a committee of experts.Miss Abby Merchant of Gloucester,a graduate of Smith College,won the annual prize with her play called "His Womenfolk".

Both Harvard and Radcliffe competed heavily,but none of the representatives of the Cambridge instutions were able to write a more suitable play than the Gloucester woman.Students of Radcliffe and Harvard,who have studied under Professor George P. Baker in his course on dramatic construction were barred,but all other members of the universities were admitted.

There were 21 competitors,15 of whom were men and six women, representing 12(?) states and Canada.Miss Merchant who beat out the Harvard and Radcliffe undergraduates with her play, has done much literary work since she was graduated from Smith.

Oct. 1913

This ends the history of child 6 Samuel Merchant and his children.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.7.BENJAMIN WILLIAM MERCHANT The history of this young uncle is both brief and sad.He was b.Dec.6,1814 and was lost at sea April 17,1831 at age of 16y.4m.11d. In the obituary of George Merchant (next chapter) we read: "One of the hardest trials of his early life was to stand upon the deck of his vessel and see his younger brother Benjamin swept into the sea,the fingers of each almost touching as one sank beneath the waters." From the writtings of G.E.M. we have a most appropiate thought on the matter;

"And he knew no funeral shrowed
save the waves,
as they danced in their madness,
over the destruction they had wrought."

CHILD NO.8.ADDISON MERCHANT b.Dec.24,1816 and d.March 12,1867 at McLean Asylum from the effects of a head injury,age 50y.2m.19d. He married June 18,1837 Catherine Marriott Plummer.She was b.1816 at Byfield and d.April 23,1880 at Gloucester of "paralysis" age 64y.1m.3d. Both buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Lot # 144. Catherine was the dau. of Nathaniel Plummer of Byfield and Sarah Higgins of Maine.She was also a younger sister to Nancy Silloway Plummer who in 1827 married Henry Merchant (child no.2),brother of Addison. The Vit.Rec. list Addison as a trader,G.E.M. has the following history; "Addison never went fishing in his life.He began his business career as a clerk with the firm of "Epes & Son". Before 1830 but little in the way of fishery outfitting was done in the winter until March.His schooling was caught between times.He succeded as narrated elsewhere to the firm of "Epes Merchant & Son",and at the death of his brother Sam (1860) the firm was discontinued and he retired from active business.What is now Main Street was but 16 feet in places.All the time he was in business and his expenses were light,he accumulated about $40,000.When Epes went out of business he had $18,000 to $20,000.

Shortly before his death he was thrown or fell from a team while getting in striking on his head.Shortly after a brain trouble developed and he was taken to McLean Asylum.He was of slim build and with a natural feeble constitution. Conservative in disposition he showed a striking contrast to his brother Samuel to whose push much of the success of the firm was due."

The following typed from G.E.M. original notes;

Addison Merchant

Estate appraised by John Pew
Joseph Friend
Joseph O.Procter

Real Estate	---	$7,950.00
Personal	---	27,363.26
		$35,313.26

In 1867 - Same appraised

Real	---	$7,950.00
Personal	---	25,939.43
		$33,889.43

The man at the wheel

He is known as such by the people of Gloucester.As he stands looking out over the harbor,it appears that he is headed out to sea in an attempt to rescue a fellow fisherman.The monument was erected in memory of those who perished at sea.

Such was the case of Benjamin Merchant (son of Epes Merchant and Sally Thomas) who perished on April 17,1831 as a wave washed over the deck of the vessel named "The Emblem",sweeping him into the sea,never to be seen again. Benjamin was age 16 years old.However we shall see him in the world to come.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.8.ADDISON MERCHANT(1816-1867) & CATHERINE M.PLUMMER(1816-1880)

G.E.M.'s notes continued;

In 1868 - Additional

Real Estate	---	$2,310.00
Total 1867 (page 195)	---	33,889.43
	Total of	$36,199.43

Will -

To wife 1/2 of all property,after debts are paid,together with 1/2 of all property in existence on death of his mother.
She to make her own selection at appraisel.

Balance of 1/2 to Epes to hold in trust for daughter,Catherine.
1/2 and 1/2 to her children,except that ------
to be paid also out of this half.
$1000.to granddaughter,Mary Alice Stevens,held in trust.
To daughter Catherine,the home on the hill during her life,
then to the children.

$500. to Baptist Home Missions
$400. to Baptist Foreign Missions
$100 to First Baptist Sunday School

The children of Addison Merchant and Catherine M.Plummer were;

CHILD I CATHERINE MARRIOTT MERCHANT b.Nov.29,1838 and was buried August 1, 1894.She m.Int.Dec.29,1854 Joseph L.Stevens.He was b.Feb.14,1834 and was buried April 8,1905.Catherine and Joseph L.Stevens begot;

CHILD A HENRY P.STEVENS b.Nov.4,1858 and d.July 9,1863 (10-160).He age of 4y.8m.5d. and drowned off Addison Merchant's Wharf.

CHILD B JOSEPH L.STEVENS b.Jan.26,1861 (10-106)

CHILD C FITZ H.STEVENS b.April 4,1864 (10-136)

CHILD D CHARLES STEVENS b.Oct.18,1869

CHILD II EMMA CLIFFORD MERCHANT b.Jan.8,1840 and d.Nov.6,1840 age 9m.28d.

CHILD III FITZ HENRY MERCHANT b.June 12,1843 and d.Aug.16,1856 of "heart complaint" age 13y.2m.4d.

CHILD IV EMMA CLIFFORD MERCHANT b.March 3,1845 and d.Sept.19,1846 of "dysentery" age 1y.6m.16d.

CHILD V ANN JUDSON MERCHANT b.Dec.13,1848 and d.Oct.25,1856 of "dysentery" age 7y.10m.12d.

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.8.ADDISON MERCHANT(1816-1867) & CATHERINE M.PLUMMER(1816-1880)

Their 6th and last child was;

CHILD VI JESSE PLUMMER MERCHANT b.July 19,1851 at Byfield and d.Nov.24, 1852 of "fever" age 1y.4m.5d.

This completes our history of our uncle Addison,child no.8 of Epes and Sally Thomas.Addison was a successful man in a monetary sense but otherwise the fates didn't smile upon him.Of his six children,only the first,a daughter,grew to adulthood.Two of his other five children died in childhood and the other three in infancy.He also lost his first grandson who at age four drowned off his Wharf.His own demise was at age fifty of the effects of a head injury.

In regards to where the McLean Asylum was.His obituary states "Somerville" I find a McLean Hospital in Belmont (1982) Perhaps the institution moved.(F.R.M.) (R.D.M.) further writes,"But I seem to remember it as a high class private hospital for mental patients.Addison was rather wealthy and no doubt recieved the best possible care avaible at the time.He probably died of the effects of a depressed skull fracture when he fell on his head off the team and onto the hard cobble stones."

His obituary follows;

> MERCHANT - At the McLean Asylum,Somerville 12th,Mr.Addison Merchant,of this town,50 years,2 months,18 days.
>
> Cape Ann Advertizer March 15,1867

In conclusion,his epitaph is most appropiate as it appears on his monument at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

"HE IS NOT FOR G-D HATH TAKEN HIM"

CHILD NO.9.EMILINE MERCHANT b.July 23,1819 and d.Oct.7,1852 of "consumption" at age of 33y.2m.15d. She m.July 26,1840 (at age 21) her cousin Simeon Merchant. These first cousins were each grandchildren of William Merchant and Hannah Wheeler.(see William chapter,page 104-106 for more detail and issue of this consanguinous marriage). R.D.M. writes: This marriage of Emeline and Simeon Merchant was a second marriage for the husband.His first marriage was at Salem to Elizabeth Warren Richardson on April 4,1837.Salem Vit.Rec. gives her death as April 27,1838,her age given as age 19. Simeon must have had more than a little regard for his first wife Elizabeth as he named one of the girls by his second wife after her.(F.R.M.in commenting writes); It would appear to me that for the second wife Emiline,to have named her daughter after the first wife Elizabeth,would imply that they previously had been very good friends,if not,then Emiline must have been an extrodenary woman to have done so. Although listed in the William Chapter,we will list again those children that were begotten by Emiline Merchant and Simeon Merchant;

CHILD I EMILINE MERCHANT b.Jan.1842 and buried June 15,1842 age 5m.

CHILD II SIMEON MERCHANT b.March 21,1843 (see page 106)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.9.EMILINE MERCHANT(1819-1852) & SIMEON MERCHANT(1815-1899)

Their 3rd child;

CHILD III EMMA WARREN MERCHANT b.Nov.28,1845 and d.April 27,1864 of "pytyisic Pul." The record on page 105 reads "consumption".She was age 18y.5m.

CHILD IV ELIZABETH RICHARDSON MERCHANT b.May 28,1848 and d.1886 age Abt.38y. She m.March 25,1866 (Tel) Charles M.Blake.He born in Rockland,Maine in 1838. "She removed with her husband to Lynn where he worked at his trade as carpenter, then deserted her and went west.She married second Dec.6,1877 Charles T.Smith son of Joseph and Sarah A.(Hall) Smith.He born in England 1854." (G.E.M.)

CHILD V SARAH ELIZABETH MERCHANT Nothing but a name.

The obituary of Emiline was brief;

GLOUCESTER TELEGRAPH - Oct.9,1852

7th - Mrs.Emiline,wife of Simeon Merchant
33 years,2 months,14 days.(correct 15 days)

CHILD NO.10.GORHAM MERCHANT b.Jan.29,1822 and d.Oct.2,1849 at age 27y.8m.4d. of "quick consumption".He m.Feb.2,1843 Emily A.Burnham.She was b.June 19,1822 - we have no death date.She was dau. of Jonathan Burnham and Polly Parsons.After the death of Gorham,she married second Dec.12,1852 Daniel McLean of Prince Edward Island.He was age 25 and she was age 30 at their marriage.He was son of Daniel Mclean and Mary ----.She had more children.

(G.E.M.) has the following; "Gorham followed the sea until he entered the firm about 1847 in the "Rockaway" boat,a new vessel.He owned a part.The inventory of his estate showed $2400.,clear of all debts. He died in quick consumption in 1849 at the old homestead.

While reefing,he fell while running in from the Georges,which hurt him considerably.

He had fairly good health,of small stature,not over 135 pounds.Always lived at home and later in the house next to Ephriam Smith."

(R.D.M.) "Georges is of course the fishing site known as "Georges Banks", "Running in" indicates that the wind was coming from astern,and the fact that they needed to reef would indicate that it was a very strong wind and that there was danger of losing a sail or even a mast.Reefing in a very short description means simply making the sails smaller or lowering them by about a third and tying the reefing lines (sewed into the sails) to the boom.He most likely fell off the boom while tying.A fall of only a few feet can injure one depending how or on what one lands.As the vessel would have to turn into the wind to reef the sail,the boom would have been over the deck." (Extracted from a letter written to F.R.M. on Jan.18,1982.)

Descendants of Epes and his wife,Sally Thomas.

CHILD NO.10.GORHAM MERCHANT(1822-1849) & EMILY BURNHAM(1822-)

Gorham Merchant and Emily Burnham had four children during their six year eight month marriage. They begot;

CHILD I EMILY ANN MERCHANT b.Oct.2,1843 m.June 29,1861 Samuel Elwell.He was son of Samuel Elwell and Sarah Parsons.He was b.Nov.27,1838.They had children but we have no data on them.Emily Ann Merchant was left $1700. in Epes Will. (page 150)

CHILD II LAURA JOSEPHINE MERCHANT b.May 22,1845 and d.Sept.23,1847 of "dysentry".

CHILD III GORHAM MERCHANT b.1848 and d.Sept.26,1849 of "consumption" age 1y.

CHILD IV GORHAM F.MERCHANT b.Oct.2,1849 and d.Jan.8,1850 of "lung fever".

Note (From the city clerk's office) "Gorham the father,died about one week after his own one year old son,Gorham,who died of the same disease.Also the day Gorham the father,died,his wife Emily gave birth to another son and named him Gorham F.Merchant! That must have been an absolutely incredible time for this family".

His obituary reads;

GLOUCESTER TELEGRAPH - Oct.3,1849

"Mr.Gorham Merchant,(of the firm of A.Merchant & Co.)
28 years.A member of Magnolia Division,S.of T."

(F.R.M.) S.of T. refers to Sons of Temperance,and in a letter from R.D.M. we have the following; "It appears that there was a problem with the abuse of alcohol by seamen in those times and the "Sons of Temperance" was founded,with various district divisions,to encourage abstinence.It is not like todays "Alcoholics Anominous",as many members never had drank."

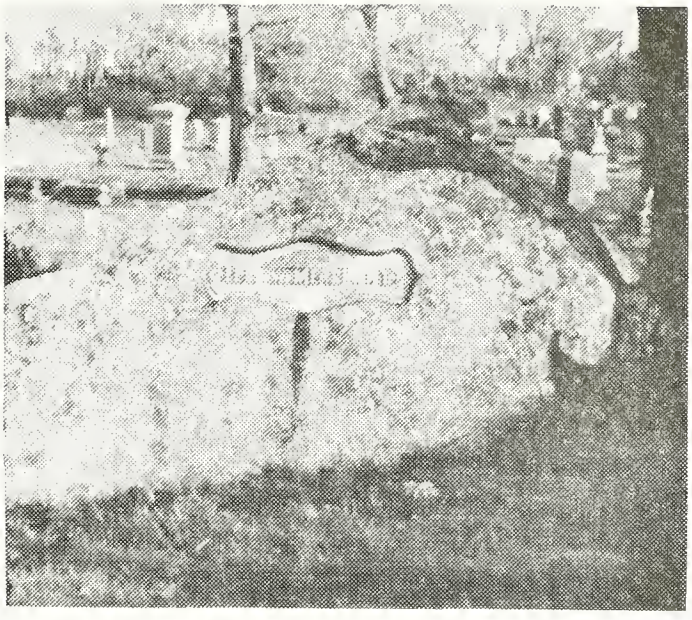
In further research,we find several organizations were instituted during these years to curb the usage of alcohol,to premote temperance.In April of 1940,for example,a parant organization was created,"Washington Total Abstinence Society" and which adopted the following pledge:

> "The members of this society agree that they will never again drink any intoxicating liquors,except when prescribed by a medical attendant,or in case of wine at communion,and that they will not provide them for their friends,or for persons in their employ,and that they will in all suitable ways discontenance the use of them in the community,and above all that they will use their utmost endeavers to reclaim and restore to Temperance,those who are unfortunately addicted to drunkeness."

The pledges or vows would differ amongest the various societies,the general common purpose,however,was to control the use of alcohol.The society known as, "Order of the Sons of Temperance",flourished and prospered a few years,did a good work,and then passed away. (From The History of Rockport,page 108)

Right
Epes Merchant
(1780-1859)
"A master mariner and outfitter, became established in the fishing business as early as 1820."

Left
Emeline Merchant
(1819-1852)
"married her first cousin"

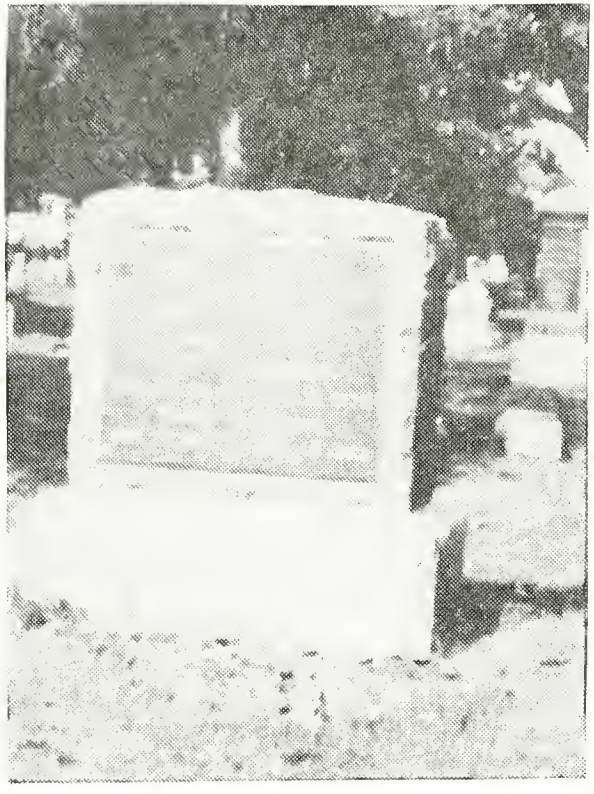


Oak Grove Cemetery
Epes W.Merchant embossed on the boulder

Epes W.Merchant
(1804-1887)
"After his retirement,was elected a director in the old Gloucester Bank."

Oak Grove Cemetery
Frank R.Merchant mowing the grass on the lot of Samuel and Addison
1983

Addison Merchant
(1816-1867)
"A very successful business man."

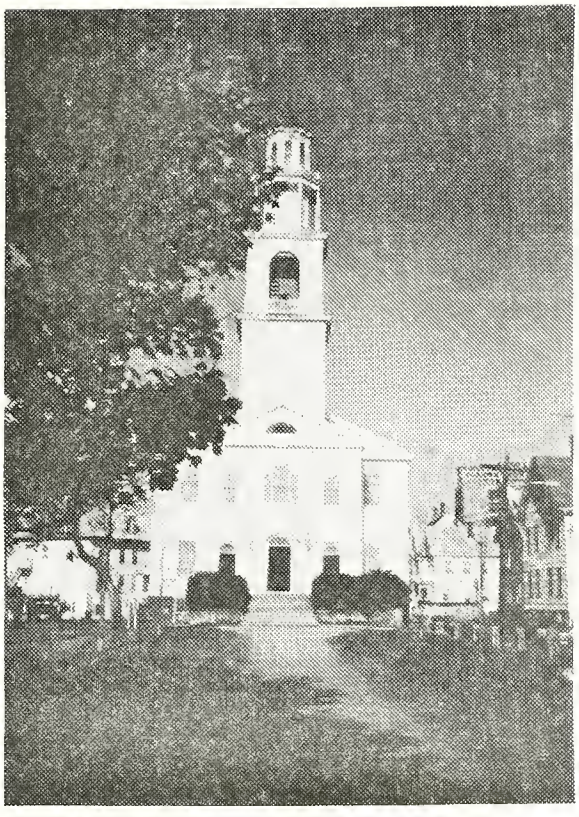


Oak Grove Cemetery

Henry Merchant monument here

Oak Grove Cemetery

Addison and Samuel Merchant monument



Left
The Independent Christian
Church on Middle Street
Gloucester,Mass.

Right
Oak Grove Cemetery
Lewis H.Merchant monument

THE INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN SOCIETY

The Independent Christian Church or Universalist Church,known also as the 6th church,had its beginning with a man named John Murray,who came from England in 1770,the bearer of a strange and new religious doctrine called Universalism. Murray was in the beginning,a guest speaker at the 1st church.He being a man of magnatic personality and his strong belief in the doctrine of Universalism, made a great impression upon the people whom he preached to.Because of the doctrine however,many church doors were closed to him,in fact the town fathers sort to drive him from Gloucester,in short,"-----he stirred up a hornets nest with this doctrine of Universalism."Soon after his work began,31 men and 30 women left the then established church and became converts to this new doctrine.

As I wrote in the earlier account of the 3rd church at Squam,(the established church of those times was Puritan) nothing wrong with the Puritans,often history shows them in the wrong light.Austerity,frugality and industry were markes of Puritanism,admirable characteristics indeed.Their intentions were to create a Theocratic Government in the New World,where the laws of G-d became the law of the land and the people therein would live under the fear and awe of "the L-rd of hosts".However the fear that was created was not the fear of a righteous G-d manifested by awe,but the fear of dread,of Satan and the powers of evil,the fear of doom and the fear of death.All men and all that exist in the world were regarded as evil,Satan and evil spirits controlled all endeavers of human society,the cloud of evil and the fear of pocession by Satan overshadowed all that existed.The fear of death can be noted on the old tombstones,by the inscriptions and engravings thereon.The fear of evil and pocession by demons resulted in the infamous witchcraft trials which in turn brought about the end of Puritanism.In their teaching of fear and of evil pocession,such was not confined only to this world,but carried over into the next as well in the endless torment of sinners,such was the doctrine of "hell fire".

It seems clear enough from the Scriptures,that G-d did not wish to create a climate of fear in order to hold man to the "straight and narrow path" but rather to premote the use of reason,as it is written,"come and let us reason together,saith the L-rd". (Isa.1:18) It appears certain that reason should be the motivation for serving G-d and not that of fear and dread.And so after years of such teaching,and generations before,when the old Medival doctrine of eternal torment,was taught from the earlist of church history,suddenly a new light of understanding burst upon the world.Murray called this new teaching, "the sunshine of G-ds love".He taught that man could be purified of sin and that an atonement could be made,that indeed the atonement was made at Calvary, so that all men would ultimately be saved.

The first church organizaation was established as "The Independent Church of Christ" on Jan.1,1779.The first church building was built on the corner of Spring and Water Streets and dedicated on Christmass Day,in 1780,having 61 members - 31 men and 30 women as had earlier followed Murray.The Rev.John Murray was its first pastor.In 1792,51 citizens of Gloucester were incorperated into a society under the name as above,"The Independent Church of Christ". Among this number appeared the name of DANIEL MARCHANT JR.(He b.1745).This Daniel was a grandson of Jabez the 1st,our very own ancient grandfather.

Rev.John Murray,(the founder of the church) was b.Dec.10,1741 at Alton,

England,where he was brought up under strict Calvinist teaching.When he was ten,his family moved to Ireland,where they became Methodists and it is written that the famous John Wesley was a frequent visitor in their home.As a boy,John was often terrified by the "fire and brimstone" preaching by the clergy.Some years later,when in London,came in contact with a preacher by the name of Rev. James Relly,who preached the "final salvation of all men".At the first,he was appaled at the teaching and denounced Relly as an apostate but later came to acknowledge the truth and sincerity of the man and the doctrine.He stated, after having heard one of Relly's sermons,"I never heard truth,unadulterated truth before.It was the first consistent sermon I have ever heard."

After being excommunicated from the church and the death of his wife,moved to the U.S. where he traveled about as a guest preacher from New Jersey to New Hampshire,later arriving in Gloucester,where after a troubled time,established the church of which we are here concerned.

The Rev.John Murray was pastor of the church in Gloucester from 1774-1793. He died at Boston on the 3rd of Sept.in 1815,and to his illustrous career we have this closing statement; "Since his infirmity,which closed his public services for about six years,he often appeared impatient for a passage into the world to come."

In regards to an holy ordinance - We note from our early family records in the old church at Squam,child baptism was an ordinance of that church,was so practiced by many churches of those times and still is in some of the Christian churches of today.But the Rev.John Murray did not think this ordinance to be in accordence with the Scriptures.We have the following: "The Rev.John Murray instituted the ceremony of dedicating children to the love and service of G-d. Baptism,he said was wholly connected with the profession of faith,and as such profession could not be made for another,least of all for infants,he would not baptize infants.But he thought it seemly and wise to acknowledge children as G-ds gift,and to dedicate them,as such,to G-d's love."

We include the following item of interest,concerning the passing of one of the church pastors and how he clung to the faith.I do not know if he was any relation to the Rev.John Murray or not.The Rev.Noah Murray was b.1745 and d. May 16,1811 at his farm in Twgie Point,Penn.He had filled the pulpit at Gloucester sometime around 1803.An interesting story of his death is here regarded; " officious religious opponents hung around his death bed,trying to shake his faith,and as he was unable to talk,they whispered among themselves,that his belief in Universalism was growing weaker.Motioning to his son for a piece of chalk,he wrote, "stronger".Resting for a moment,he wrote again "STRONGER". Then after a brief interval he wrote "STRONGER" and thus,with growing strength, he passed on to the fruition of his Christian hopes."

The smaller and plain church on Spring and Water Streets was sold or taken down (I do not have the evidence at hand) and a new and magnificient church was built on Middle Street and dedicated on Oct.9,1806.We have the following from the Columbia Centinel,Boston,dated Oct.11,1806.
Dedication - "On Thursday last,the new and elegant Meeting House,erected in Gloucester (Cape Ann) by the Society of Christians believing in the "Universal Salvation" of men,was solemnly dedicated to the Author of that salvation.The Rev.Mr.Murray of Boston read the introductory service,and made the dedication

and concluding prayers;and the Rev.Mr.Jones (the pastor of the Society) delivered an excellent sermon,from Ephesians 2:19-21 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,but fellow citizens with the saints,and of the household of G-d;And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;" The services were interspersed with music from an excellent choir.The house is capacious,and completly finished and has a beautiful spire;and the whole work has been executed in a style which confers honor on the architect,and shows the liberality of the Society.The bell is from the Revere foundery of Canton."

We here add an interesting bit of information concerning this early church, no provision was made for heating,and that stoves were first used on Christmass in 1820.

Notice in regards to our family in association with this church,we have the following; From the Town records 1805-1827, membership ---

1808 - James Marchant (1787-1872)
1810 - Epes Marchant (1780-1859)
--- - Nathaniel Merchant (1783-1818)
1823 - Daniel Merchant (1771-1850) This was Daniel the 3rd or could have been Daniel the 4th (1800-1860)

The first pastor of this new church was as noted in the dedication,Rev. Thomas Jones,who had preached in the old church and gave the first sermon in the new.We believe that he was a good friend of the Rev.Ezra Leonard of the Squam church and may have influenced him in his acceptance of Universalism. (See the article on the Third Church,page 15) Father Jones,as he was called, was forceably outspoken against the national evil,slavery.He was pastor from 1804-1841,retired because of poor health,but continued to preach occasionaly. On Sundays,a seat was reserved for him in the pulpit because of his deafness. His last religious service was the administration of the Lords supper on Nov. 3,1844 and he passed away on Aug.20,1846.
During his ministry,he solemnized ---- 658 marriages
baptized ---- 711 persons
attended ---- 1,162 funerals
and in a final note of conclusion,he "put off this tabernacle of flesh" and entered "into the house not made with hands".

In 1827,the Universalist's took a firm stand against intemperance,and the church members were prominent among the citizens of Gloucester,in the supression of it.In 1831,when the first Temperance Society was organized,the church was represented in great preportion to its full membership.In our own family,there have been those who labored hard against the problem,many have been temperate themselves,and many have abstained. Note - Capt.Charles Marchant (1813-1899) was a constant attendant at this church and took an extensive interest in the premotion of temperance.(See his obituary in the William Chapter) Also note - Gorham Merchant (1822-1849) was a member of the Magnolia Chapter of the Sons of Temperance.(See his obituary in the Epes Chapter)

Following are some records showing family membership on church committees;

1835 - Epes W.Merchant (1804-1887)
1836 - "
1847 - "
1851 - "

1855 - Epes W.Merchant (same)
1860 - "
1870 - James L.Shute (He husband of Sarah Abigail Merchant (1836-1927))
1872 - William T.Merchant (1840-1896)
1873 - "
1874 - "

1844 - Epes W.Merchant a special committee,"To seek an adjustment with the Independent Universalist Society."
1868 - James L.Shute a special committee,"To carry into effect the vote of the Society in respect to raising the church,furnishing a vestry under it,remodelling the pews,putting the organ and singers behind the pulpit etc.

In 1891,seven Universalist parishes in the territory,Gloucester,Rockport, Pigeon Cove,all owning church edifices and having settled pastors,in the territory from which John Murray gathered his congregation in 1774.In a population of less than 30,000,the fact is without a parallel in the history of the Universalist Church.

In 1899,the Universalist held a committee in Boston setting forth "The five points of Universalism" which follow;

1. The Universal Fatherhood of G-d.
2. The spiritual leadership of Jesus.
3. The Bible - a revelation from G-d.
4. Sin and its just retribution.
5. The harmonizing finally of all souls with G-d.

In conclusion;

In this year of 1984,Universalists appear to be on the decline, and for this,perhaps many reasons can be given both due to time and the understanding of faith.Many people of our time are seeking a more orthodox expression of faith,some may think that they have no need of faith,and there are those that still look to the Universalist doctrine,of Universal Salvation,as John Murray did in 1770.This doctrine that so influenced our family and the many famlies on Cape Ann,this doctrine which John Murray thought of as "the sunshine of G-ds love" can still be found out,and the church on Middle Street is still there,however we should relize that the teachings of the Universalist Church (in these modern times) have modified considerably and have greatly departed from the sound doctrine of its early founders.

F.R.M.

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--- GEORGE MERCHANT ---

"They that go down to the sea in ships
That do business in great waters
These saw the works of the L-rd."
Psalms 107:23-24

George Merchant b.Aug.11,1807 and was christened Oct.4,1807 at the First Church.He married Lucy Norwood,dau. of John Norwood and Betsy Bray on Nov.18, 1826,at the age of 19,she was age 17.He died Jan.14,1899 at the age of 91y. of "old age" and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery beside his wife in Lot # 142.She was b.April 22,1809 and d.May 5,1860 at age of 51y.from trouble with her "heart".

From the "Gloucester Historical Society" we have the following note;

VETERAN FISHERMAN

"Mr.George Merchant,74 years of age,was engaged in the mackerel fishery from May 4,to Sept.1,1881 and helped to take off a catch of 1200 barrels of mackerel;he has been engaged in fishing some part of the season ever since he was ten years of age."

On his personal history,we have two newspaper articles titled,"George Merchant of Gloucester,Quietly Observes 90th Birthday" and "Obituary of George Merchant",which give a bit of his life and avocations and a third article which summarizes his maritime career titled "Old Time Crafts".We begin with the birthday feature,the newspaper photo and printed article appear later but is badly deteriated.

GEORGE MERCHANT OF GLOUCESTER QUIETLY OBSERVES 90TH BIRTHDAY

GLOUCESTER,Aug.11 - George Merchant of this city quietly observed his 90th birthday today at his residence,a number of his relatives and acquaintances calling to wish him many happy returns of the day.He is in good health and spirits with his faculties unimpared,and bids fair to see several more of these anniversaries.

What made the occasion especially notable was the presence of five generations,his direct descendants,represented in the picture.His daughter,Mrs.Sarah E.,the one holding the baby,is the wife of Solomon Rowe,a soldier of the Rebellion.To the right of the old gentleman is his grandaughter,Mrs.Lemuel Friend,Mrs. Row's daughter,her husband,the night watchman at city hall,also being a well-known soldier and sailor of the civil war.To the left of Mrs.Rowe is her grandaughter,Mrs.F.W.Sylvester, Mr.

Merchant's great grandaughter.The babe of two months,Mary Ella Thomas Sylvester,constitutes the fifth generation.

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End of newsclipping

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Commenting on the previous newsclipping,R.D.M. writes;(June 15,1981) "My gr.gr.grandfather,George died 1y.5m.2d. after the birthday mentioned." He includes the following which is an excerpt from a letter from Elizabeth Rowe Day Feb.16,1981.

"You sent a very interesting picture of five generations in the Merchant

Rowe,Friend,and Sylvester family.The baby in that family lives here in Riverdale.The corner of Gee.Ave. & Cherry Street up toward Dogtown.She is Mary (Molly) Sylvester Lane,wife of Lyman Lane.She is a dear old fashioned lady.I talked with her and she would welcome a visit from you.She is quite shy,I would call her first." (The record of Mary Lane is found later in this chapter.)
(see page 246,263B)

OLD TIME CRAFTS

Vessels and Captains Sailed With by Capt.George Merchant from 1824 to 1850.

We are in receipt of a very interesting letter from Mr.George Merchant Jr.,relative to his father's connection with the fishing industry of this port from 1824 to 1850.The following is a list of the vessels with which Mr.Merchant,Sr.,was connected during that time: 1824,Volant,Capt.Epes W.Merchant; 1825,Hornet,Capt. Epes W.Merchant; 1827-8,Emblem,Capt.Epes W.Merchant; 1829, Brilliant,Capt.Henry Merchant; 1830,Emblem,Capt.Henry Merchant; 1831,Emblem,Capt.George Merchant; 1832,Clarion,Capt.Samuel Merchant; 1833,Brilliant,Capt.George Merchant; 1834,Paul Pry,Capt.James Elwell; 1835,Richmond,Capt.Samuel Merchant; 1835,Paragon,Capt.John Robinson; 1837-8,Clinton,Capt.Samuel Merchant; 1839-40,Emblem,Capt, William Davis; 1841,Warrior,Capt.Samuel Merchant; 1842,Clinton, Capt.William Davis; 1843,Clinton,Capt.Gorham Merchant; 1844-5, Clinton,Capt.William Davis; 1846,Hannibal,Capt.George Thurston; 1847,Republic,Capt.George Thurston; 1848-9,Banvard,Capt.William T.Smith; 1850,Lucy Ann,Capt.John Tolpy.

Of the crews of these vessels Mr.Merchant is the sole survivor except his son,Mr.George Merchant Jr.,who was with his father from 1840 to 1844,and Mr.Launcelot K.Rowe,who was in the Clinton in 1843.All the vessels except the Banvard belonged to Epes Merchant & Son.

OBITUARY OF GEORGE MERCHANT

The venerable George Merchant,whose serious illness at the residence of his son Albion,on Eastern Avenue,was briefly noted in Saturday's issue of the BREEZE,like a child who,tired of play,peacefully and calmly sank to the rest eternal that evening, at the advanced age of ninety-one years,five months and three days.

As the third son in a family of ten,born to Epes and Sally Rowe (Thomas) Merchant,all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood,and some to advanced old age,it remained for him to be the last to hear the call.

As a boy hardly in his teens,he began his life work as a fisherman,when to be a fisherman meant untold hardship,unknown to the fishermen of today.Gradually he rose in his chosen calling till he became a sucessful master;but in later life he relinquished the quaterdeck to younger men,but continued actively engaged up to the early eighties.

Since his retirement from the sea,he has enjoyed life ashore as best he could for one who had been so actively engaged,and who yet retained his full faculties except a slight impairment of his hearing.

In early life his fame as a fiddler became widely known,and many of the lads and lassies of that day tripped the light fantastic to his inspiring notes.Prof.John Jay Watson,the noted violinist of today,has been wont to say of Mr.Merchant,that he had the true "fiddler's elbow" and had his circumstances in life been slightly different,he would have become famous the wide world over.

One of his hardest trials of early life was to stand upon the deck of his vessel and see his younger brother Benjamin swept into the sea,the fingers of each almost touching as one sank beneath the waters.

Mr.Merchant was a representative of an old Gloucester family, which goes back to Jabez,1721,who married Mary Butman Babson, a representative as claimed,of the family of Rev.John Robinson of Pilgram fame.From this Jabez has come some three hundred and fifty Merchants of the Cape,many of whom have reached more than the threescore years and ten alloted to man.

Of the fifth generation himself,he lived to see four other generations added to the list,and a photograph exists,taken in 1897,in which five generations appear.

He married in early life Lucy Norwood,who gave birth to thirteen sons and daughters,all of whom grew to mature age and nine of whom still are alive.From these thirteen have come seventy-nine grandchildren,fifty-six of whom are still alive; and again sixty great grandchildren;and last,four great,great, grandchildren.

Mr.Merchant's father,Epes,was one of the pioneers in the fisheries,he having established himself in the business about the year 1804,at the head of the harbor.Of the brothers,Epes W., Samuel,Addison,Gorham and Harry,all became more or less prominent in the active business life of the town or city,and in connection with the fisheries.And of his direct descendants many have continued along the same lines,his son George Jr., being the well known master mariner and seine fitter and grand son,George E.,whose connection with the City Council is so well known.

The funeral of the deceased will occur today at 2 o'clock, the attendant clergyman being the Rev.Frank L.Wilkins of the First Baptist Church,and no doubt will be attended by a large number of the citizens. (End of obituary)

"And (he) expired,and died in a good old age,
an old man,and full of years,
and was gathered to his people"

Genesis 25:8

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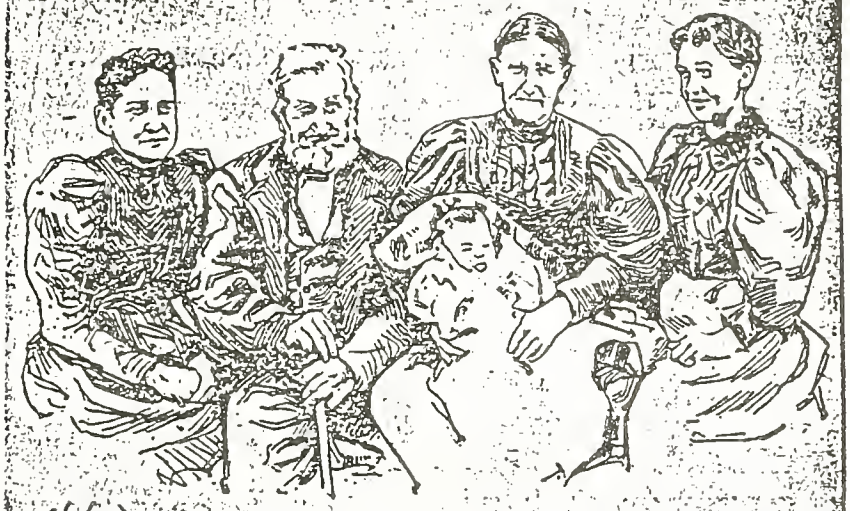
FIVE GENERATIONS REPRESENTED.

George Merchant of Gloucester Quietly Observes 90th Birthday.



THE FIVE GENERATIONS.

GLOUCESTER, Aug 11—George Merchant of this city quietly observed his 90th birthday today at his residence, a number of his relatives and acquaintances calling to wish him many happy returns of the day. He is in good health and spirits with his faculties unimpaired, and bids fair to see several more of these anniversaries.

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George Merchant (1807-1899)
"A veteran fisherman"

Right
George Merchant Jr. (1828-1906)
"A fisherman like his father"

Lucy Norwood - wife of George.

We have already included the vital records and so will continue on with some thoughts by R.D.M. "On our great,great,grandmother,Lucy,the records are sparse.We note in (our Norwood records) that she was one of the twin daughters born to John Norwood and Betsy Bray in 1809.The family of ten children of John Norwood and Betsy Bray included a set of twin boys in their brood,as well as the daughters mentioned.From dates we find that Lucy Norwood was seventeen and a half years old at her marriage to George Merchant in 1826.Twenty-six years and four months later she gave birth to the last one of her thirteen children.She was at that time (1853) just under forty-four years of age,and the first four of her children were married,and had made her a grandmother of seven,four of whom were living.Lucy lived for only another seven years,and died at the age of,just over fifty-one years.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Mrs.LaFond,a descendant of Lucy's fifth child,informs me that there was a family tradition that said the twins,Lucy and Nancy were so identical,that even their own children could not tell them apart."

This granite marker identifies their resting place at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

The Ancestorial Lineage of George Merchant --- 1695-1807

JABEZ MERCHANT
b.Abt.1695
m.Jan.12,1721 -------- MARY BUTMAN
d.Abt.1773 Age,about 78y.

Whom Begot

DANIEL MERCHANT
b.Nov.18,1721
m.Nov.19,1744 ---------- HANNAH WOODBURY
d. Not known Was alive in 1779 Age,not known

Whom Begot

WILLIAM MERCHANT
b.Sept.6,1751
m.Dec.23,1777 ---------- HANNAH WHEELER
d.Oct.15,1802 Age 51y.

Whom Begot

EPES MERCHANT
b.Oct.21,1780
m.Dec.1,1803 ---------- SALLY ROWE THOMAS
d.April 10,1859 Age 78y.

Whom Begot

GEORGE MERCHANT
b.Aug.11,1807
m.Nov.18,1826 -------- LUCY NORWOOD
d.Jan.14,1899 Age 91y.

Ancestry of George Merchant

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 George Merchant
b. Aug.11,1807
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Nov.18,1826
d. Jan.14,1899
p.d Glou.

2 Epes Merchant (Father of No. 1)
b. Oct.21,1780
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Dec.1,1803
d. April 10,1859
p.d Glou.

3 Sally R.Thomas (Mother of No. 1)
b. Aug.4,1782
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
d. Oct.17,1869
p.d. Glou.

4 William Merchant (Father of No. 2)
b. Sept.6,1751
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Dec.23,1777
d. Oct.15,1802
p.d

5 Hannah Wheeler (Mother of No. 2)
b. Aug.25,1758
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
d. Feb.6,1838
p.d. Glou.

6 William Thomas (Father of No. 3)
b. Dec.18,1751
p.b.
m. Nov.2,1779
d.
p.d

7 Martha Rowe (Mother of No. 3)
b. Dec.21,1755
p.b.
d.
p.d.

Lucy Norwood (Spouse of No. 1)
b. April 22,1809
p.b. Glou.
d. May 5,1860
p.d. Glou.

8 Daniel Merchant (Father of No. 4)
b. Nov.18,1721
p.b. Gloucester,Mass
m. Nov.19,1744
d. Not known
p.d

9 Hannah Woodbury (Mother of No. 4)
b. Abt.1723
p.b. Glou.
d. May 19,1779
p.d Glou.

10 Moses Wheeler (Father of No. 5)
b. June 19,1728
p.b.
m. May 7,1750
d. Dec.1760
p.d

11 Susanna Norwood (Mother of No. 5)
b. Feb.24,1727
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 John Thomas (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m. Aug.22,1745
d.
p.d

13 Hannah Brown (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 John Rowe (Father of No. 7)
b. June 29,1714
p.b. Glou.
m. 2nd 1752
d. Oct.2,1781
p.d Glou.

15 Abigail Langsford (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d. Dec.14,1779
p.d. Glou.

16 Jabez Merchant (Father of No. 8)
b. Abt.1695
m. Jan.16,1721
d. Abt.1773

17 Mary Butman Babson (Mother of No. 8)
b. 1697
d. March 12,1778

18 Nathan Woodbury (Father of No. 9)
b. 1691
m. Dec.17,1712
d.

19 Hannah Giddings (Mother of No. 9)
b. Abt.1692
d.

20 Benjamin Wheeler (Father of No. 10)
b. March 23,1694
m. Oct.25,1720
d.

21 Mehitable Wheeler (Mother of No. 10)
b. March 26,1698
d.

22 Joshua Norwood (Father of No. 11)
b. Feb.27,1683
m. Sept.25,1704
d. 1762 (age 80)

23 Elizabeth Andrews (Mother of No. 11)
b. 1684
d. Nov.1,1774(age 90)

24 (Father of No. 12)
b.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12)
b.
d.

26 (Father of No. 13)
b.
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13)
b.
d.

28 Stephen Rowe (Father of No. 14)
b. Nov.26,1675
m. 1699
d. April 28,1731

29 Martha Low (Mother of No. 14)
b. 1679
d. 1718

30 Richard Langsford (Father of No. 15)
b.
m. Dec.17,1719
d. Abt.1739

31 Mary Rowe (Mother of No. 15)
b. 1691
d. 1774

Ancestry of Lucy Norwood (wife of George Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Lucy Norwood
b. April 22,1809
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Nov.18,1826
d. May 5,1860
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

2 John Norwood (Father of No. 1)
b. Jan.7,1787
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m.
d. June 16,1856
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

3 Betsy Bray (Mother of No. 1)
b. Jan.6,1786
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
d. Aug.18,1874
p.d.

4 Solomon Norwood (Father of No. 2)
b. Feb.8,1747
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m.
d. 1824
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

5 Rebecca Gamage (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 Enoch Bray (Father of No. 3)
b. Feb.12,1764
p.b.
m. Aug.22,1782
d.
p.d

7 Lucy Jane Day (Mother of No. 3)
b.
p.b. Damariscotta,Maine
d.
p.d.

8 Joshua Norwood (Father of No. 4)
b. Oct.18,1707
p.b. Gloucester,Mass..
m.
d.
p.d

9 Sarah Goodrich (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Enoch Bray (Father of No. 6)
b. July 20,1730
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 Hannah Low (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b. Ipswich,Mass.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 Joshua Norwood
b. 1683 (Father of No. 8,
m.
d.

17 Elizabeth Andrews
b. 1684 (Mother of No. 8,
d.

18
b. (Father of No. 9,
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9,
b.
d.

20
b. (Father of No. 10,
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d.

22
b. (Father of No. 11,
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11,
b.
d.

24 John Bray
b. Sept.7,1689 (Father of No. 12,
m. Dec.9,1716
d.

25 Susanna Woodbury
Sept.8,1695 (Mother of No. 12,
b.
d.

26
b. (Father of No. 13,
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13,
b.
d.

28
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29 (Mother of No. 14,
b.
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30
b. (Father of No. 15,
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31 (Mother of No. 15,
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Family Group Sheet

Husband

George Merchant	1807-1899	Age 91y.

Wife

Lucy Norwood	1809-1860	Age 51y.

This couple were married on Nov.18,1807 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.Lucy Ann Merchant	1827-1872	Age 44y.
2.George Merchant Jr.	1828-1906	Age 77y.
3.Sarah Ellery Merchant	1829-1912	Age 82y.
4.Julia Ann Merchant	1832-1891	Age 59y.
5.Mary Elizabeth Merchant	1834-1910	Age 76y.
6.Sidney Merchant	1837-1909	Age 72y.
7.Miranda Merchant	1839-1921	Age 82y.
8.Edwin Merchant	1842-1914	Age 72y.
9.Isabell Bowin Merchant	1843-1878	Age 34y.
10.Emily Curtis Merchant	1845-1923	Age 77y.
11.Laura Jane Merchant	1848- ?	Age ?
12.Gorham Alfred Merchant	1850-1897	Age 47y.
13.Albion Howard Merchant	1853-1940	Age 86y.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.1.LUCY ANN MERCHANT b.March 14,1827 m.Jan.21,1847 at age 20.She was the first child in the family to marry and left behind 12 siblings,five brothers and seven sisters whose ages ranged from two to nineteen years.Lucy Ann had a family of ten of her own children,the last being born Feb.19,1871,Lucy Ann having been married for 24 years at that date and being aged 44.She died about a year later on March 12,1872 age 44y.11m.29d.Her husband was George Thurston who was b.May 13,1819 and was son of Daniel Thurston and Abigail ----- of Bradford.George Thurston's life work was upon the ocean as a master mariner. He d.July 26,1887 of "cancer" age 68y.2m.13d.

Lucy Ann Merchant and George Thurston had ten children who are listed below;

CHILD I LUCY ANN THURSTON b.Nov.17,1847 and d.Nov.19,1852 age 5y.0m.2d.

CHILD II GEORGE THURSTON b.Oct.5,1849 and d.Nov.22,1852 age 3y.1m.17d.

CHILD III MARY ELIZABETH THURSTON b.Dec.17,1850 more below

CHILD IV LUCY ANN THURSTON b.Sept.8,1853 more p.216

CHILD V GEORGE EVERETT THURSTON b.Sept.7,1855 more p.216

CHILD VI ADA JANE THURSTON b.Aug.31,1857 more p.216

CHILD VII ALBERT DANIEL THURSTON b.Jan.14,1860 more p.218

CHILD VIII CHARLES SHARER THURSTON b.Sept.28,1862 more p.218

CHILD IX JOHN KIMBALL THURSTON b.Aug.24,1865 more p.218

CHILD X HENRY RASMUS MADDISON THURSTON b.Feb.19,1871 more p.218

As the first two children died in childhood we will start our history of the children with;

CHILD III MARY E.THURSTON (from above) b.Dec.17,1850 m.July 6,1872 Rasmus Madson.He was b.Feb.16,1838 and d.Feb.28,1918 age 80y.0m.12d. He was a native of Denmark,his parents being Mads and Hedrey (Rasmusdatter) Madson of Denmark. He came to Gloucester in 1860.We have no death date on Mary E. but she was living March 30,1926. A news item follows on her husband;

A MERITED RECOGNITION

> On the 18th of December,1876,Capt.Rasmus Madson,of the schooner Mary E.,of this port,rescued the shipwrecked crew of the ship, J.Walter Scammel,of St.John,N.B. The facts coming to the knowledge of the British Government,his services were recognized by the presentation to him,through the medium of the Custom House officials,on Thursday last,of a handsome piece of solid silver plate.It was a fitting tribute to an act nobly performed.
>
> March 13,1878

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CHILD III MARY E.THURSTON(1850-) & RASMUS MADSON(1838-1918)

Mary E. and Rasmus Madson begot the following children;

CHILD A EMMA J.MADSON She was alive Feb.1918 and married to a John J. O'Keefe of Swampscott,Mass. and begot;

CHILD a J.MADSON O'KEEFE Was alive Feb.1918

CHILD B ETTA H.MADSON Was alive in 1918 and married to a Guy B.Ingalls and begot two children as listed in Rasmus obituary.

CHILD a ELIZABETH INGALLS Not married and living in Feb.1918.

CHILD b HARRIET INGALLS Not married and living in Feb.1918.

CHILD C MARY E.MADSON A "Miss" in 1918 and a teacher at Hildreth School. She was a member of the "Daughters of the American Revolution" and we have this record.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION LINEAGE BOOK page 333

MISS MARY ELIZA MADSON 46719
Born in Gloucester,Mass.

Descendant of William Merchant of Massachusetts.
Daughter of Rasmus Madson and Mary Eliza Thurston,his wife.
Granddaughter of George Thurston and Lucy Merchant,his wife.
Gr.granddaughter of George Merchant and Lucy Norwood,his wife.
Gr.gr.granddaughter of Epes Merchant and Sally R.Thomas,his wife.
Gr.gr.gr.granddaughter of William Merchant and Hannah Wheeler,his wife.
William Merchant (1751-1802) advanced money to the town of Gloucester to pay bounty to soldiers.
Also Nos. 8485, 15624, 30818.

The obituary of Rasmus Madson follows;

MADSON - In this city,February 28,Capt.Rasmus Madson,80 years, 12 days.Funeral services from his late home,21 Eastern Avenue, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WAS A PIONEER IN ICELAND FISHERY
LATE CAPT.RASMUS MADSON ALSO HONORED FOR SAVING LIVES AT SEA.

Capt.Rasmus Madson,one of the old time Gloucester skippers, passed away at his home,21 Eastern Avenue,on Thursday at the age of 80 years and 12 days,after a short illness incident to his age.

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CHILD III MARY E.THURSTON(1850-) & RASMUS MADSON(1838-1918)

The obituary of Rasmus Madson continued;

> engaging in fishing.He speedily rose to the position of master, taking command of the schooner, "Two Forty" the first of that name,which was lost in January,1871,off Seal Island,N.S. while on the passage home from the Grand Bank,and the same year he had the schooner, "Mary E." built for him,which he owned and commanded for many years until his retirement from the sea.
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> He was especially prominent in the Iceland and Greenland halibut fisheries,being among the pioneers in these branches of the fisheries.
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> After his retirement from a seafaring life,he was for many years in the employ of William H.Wonson & Son.
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> While in command of the schooner "Mary E." in 1876,he was presented by the British government with a gold-lined silver plate,bearing the inscription, "Presented to Capt.Rasmus Madson for his humanity and kindness to the shipwrecked crew of the schooner, J.Walter Scannell,abandoned at sea."
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> He married Miss Mary E.Thurston July 6,1872,who survives him with three daughters,Mrs.Emma J.,wife of John O'Keefe of Swampscott,Mrs.Etta H.,wife of Guy B.Ingalls and Miss Mary E.Madson, a teacher in the Hildreth School,also three grandchildren,J. Madson O'Keefe,and Misses Elizabeth and Harriet Ingalls.
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> His funeral will take place from his late home,21 Eastern Avenue,tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CHILD IV LUCY ANN THURSTON b.Sept.8,1853 m.July 6,1874 Eli Jackman who was son of Andrew Jackman and Ann Emma Hendy,of the Isle of Wight;he was a master builder.Eli Jackman and Lucy probably had descendants but we have no record. Eli was b.Jan.5,1850.Lucy Ann was alive March 30,1926 at the funeral of her sister Ada Jane Thurston (child VI)

CHILD V GEORGE EVERETT THURSTON b.Sept.7,1855 and m. first to Susie L. Gorman,who was b.Oct.4,1847 and d.June 20,1886.She was dau. of John Gorman and Eliza Hazelton.He married second,at Cape Breton on Dec.24,1888,Clara A. Smith "age 20".Her parents were James W.Smith and Margaret ----- of Cape Breton.We have no information on children,if any,of either marriage.George is mentioned as being alive in his sisters obituary,March 31,1926,and is called a "well known sparmaker of West Gloucester".

CHILD VI ADA JANE THURSTON b.Aug.31,1857 and d.March 30,1926 age 68y.6m. 30d. She m.Oct.22,1880 George Grover.He was b.Sept.23,1856 and was son of William Grover and Harriett McFarland of Illesborough,Maine.This William was a son of William of Sandy Bay,a supposed descendant of William Grover,b.Sept. 20,1779 at Gloucester and d.Dec.29,1861 at Illesborough,Maine.He had married Rhoda Stockbridge Nov.29,1805 at Deer Island,Maine.William served one year on the frigate "Constitution",and 13 months on the sloop of war "Merrimack".

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.1.LUCY ANN MERCHANT(1827-1872) & GEORGE THURSTON(1819-1887)

CHILD VI ADA JANE THURSTON(1857-1926) & GEORGE GROVER(1856-)

He went to Deer Island prior to 1839 and in that year removed to Illesborough. He had a son William who was b.July 23,1831 and m.1852 Harriett McFarland and married second,Sarah M.Keller.His son,George W. married Ada Jane Thurston. Ada and George Grover begot but one child (from her obituary);

CHILD A CORA HANNAH GROVER (no data) more below

MRS.GEORGE W.GROVER

Mrs.Ada J.(Thurston) wife of George W.Grover of the W.H. Wonson Company,passed away last evening at her home,18 East Main Street,after a week's illness at the age of 68 years.

She was descended from old Colonial ancestors and was the daughter of Capt.George and Lucy A.(Merchant) Thurston,being born at East Gloucester,where she had resided during her life-time.

She was a woman of kindly and charitable disposition and had a host of friends who will regret to learn of her sudden demise.

In previous years,she was an active worker at the Independent Christian (Universalist) Church.She was a member of Lucy Knox Chapter,D.A.R.,and Ucita Council,D.of P.

She leaves besides her husband,a daughter,Miss Cora H.Grover, also two sisters,Mrs.Eli Jackman and Mrs.Mary E.Madson of East Gloucester and four brothers,George E.Thurston,the well-known sparmaker of West Gloucester.Daniel A. of the W.H.Wonson Company. John K.,the well-known artist of Gloucester and Emery R.M.Thurston of Los Angeles,Cal.

The funeral services will be held at her late home,Friday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

March 31,1926

CHILD A CORA HANNAH GROVER This is the only child mentioned in her mother's obituary.A letter from Mrs.LaFond dated July 5,1979 says in part --- "Across the street the Brier Hotel was in the Grover family. Ada and George, Cora's parents and also John K.Thurston (artist) cooked the delicious meals. Many happy memories are mine from this place where I was waitress 1920-1923".

Following are D.A.R. papers of Cora Grover;

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were.as follows:

"William Merchant according to tradition in the family was a Captain in the Revolution.E.Pool of Rockport,the historian,credits him as a Leiut.William Merchant's widow made application for a pension in February 1837 and in her declaration stated that William had enlisted May 1775 for 10 mos.and again in 1778 for 3 mos.under

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CHILD NO.1.LUCY ANN MERCHANT(1827-1872) & GEORGE THURSTON(1819-1887)

CHILD VI ADA JANE THURSTON(1857-1926) & GEORGE GROVER(1856-)

CHILD A CORA HANNAH GROVER(no data)

Cora's D.A.R. papers continued;

> Capt.Barnabas Dodge and Mark Pool.Mention is also made of the fact that he was at "Chelsea" on the day of the battle of Bunker Hill.The application was refused as it was claimed the name could not be found on the rolls,the same being in a dilapidated condition.
> The town records say that at a meeting of the Selectmen April 28, 1777 an order was drawn to pay William Merchant L20 twenty pounds for what said Merchant let ye town toward paying off ye bounty of ye men raised in December 1776 ---- under Mark Pool,and again substantially the same record under date of March 25,1778 to Capt.William Merchant for L20-8s-7p.
> Selectmens Record Book 3 page 440
> Book 3 page 459
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> Cora Harriet Grover

CHILD VII ALBERT DANIEL THURSTON b.Jan.14,1860 and his sister's obituary shows him,as Daniel,alive in 1926 and working for a Wonson Company.

CHILD VIII CHARLES SHARER THURSTON b.Sept.28,1862 and d.Oct.6,1902 age 40y. 0m.9d. G.E.M. supplies only the following information on him.George Sharer Thurston's death was occaisioned by a fall from a vessel's mast.He was taken to the Addison Gilbert Hospital and there died.

CHILD IX JOHN KIMBALL THURSTON b.Aug.24,1865 and alive in March of 1926, and is referred to as "a well known artist".Mrs.LaFond's letter (page 217) has him cooking delicious meals at the Brier Hotel in 1920-1923.

CHILD X HENRY RASMUS MADDISON THURSTON b.Feb.19,1871.His sister's obituary calls him Emery E.M.Thurston and records him as alive and living in Los Angeles in March 1926.

CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JUNIOR b.Aug.3,1828 We here refer to the writtings of Roy D.Merchant,a grandson,and father of R.D.M. He writtes; "George Merchant born Aug.3,1828 died May 5,1906,master mariner,seine manufacturer,an expert on fishing matters,councilman of Gloucester 1857-87.Married March 5,1851 Mary Douglass born Dec.8,1832,a daughter of Robert Douglass and Mary Parsons." (Roy Merchant never used more words than necessary) George at his death was aged 77y.9m.2d. His wife Mary d.Nov.19,1923 at age 90y.11m.21d.

G.E.M. writes; "Was also overboard about 1849 in "Capital" in the harbor.Was setting on a load of sails,the load slid overboard on top of him but he saved himself by diving and good swiming."

Descendants of George and his wife, Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

G.E.M.'s notes continued;

"He purchased from George Thurston in 1857,one half of lot 21,located in Oak Grove Cemetery for $40." (See Essex Co.Deeds)

"Schooner Clarion,Merchant master,reported arrived Feb.14,1846,with "4 halibut".
Tel.Feb.14,1846

Two newspaper clippings follow regarding George Merchant Jr.;

DONATIONS. BULLETIN Feb.14,1879

The following specimens have been presented during the past month to the Cape Ann Scientific and Literary Association for their museum; Captain N.Murphy,schooner Franklin S.Schenck, specimen of large crab,rare; Mr.Wilbur F.Procter,specimen of hickory wood,from West Gloucester; George W.Patterson,basket fish (Astrophyton Agassizii); George Merchant Jr.,piece of ornamental woodwork from the U.S. steamer Kearsarge.Contributions solicited for the museum from the animal,vegetable and mineral kingdoms.Specimens may be left with Major D.W.Low or at the Holly Tree Inn.

VALUABLE INVENTION Nov.11,1883

Mr.George Merchant Jr.,of this city has been recently allowed a patent for a new and improved block for use in place of the old metal rings on purse seines for the purpose of drawing the bottom of the seines together after being thrown around a school of fish.Those who have had them on trial in practical use the past season pronounce them to be a great improvement over the old method,being much quicker,and easier to handle,thus making the chances for catching the fish much greater.We understand that the charges for the use will be but a small sum over the actual cost of the block.Mr.Merchant not being one of those who are inclined to "bleed" a brother fisherman,and therefore we would advise all interested to investigate in time for next season's work.

MARY DOUGLASS wife of George Merchant Jr. was b.Dec.8,1832,as already noted. Her mother died 23 days after her birth of "puerperal fever".Her father Robert Douglass remarried,when she was a year old,to a Sarah Jane Norwood.Sarah Jane Norwood was a sister to Lucy Norwood.Lucy Norwood was the wife of George Merchant Sr. The mother of George Merchant Jr.,Lucy Norwood, and the stepmother of Mary Douglass,Sarah Jane Norwood,being sisters and living in the same town, most likly visited one another with their children.This may be how George Jr. and Mary Douglass met.(R.D.M. writes this on June 6,1979 and notes that it is the 35th anniversary of D-day.)

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

(R.D.M.) continues on Mary Douglass;

In writting this in 1979,R.D.M. a great grandson,has no useful memories of "Aunt Mary".I very vaguely remember her and very vaguely remember her funeral 56 years ago.I was barely ten years old then.

We note from the dates on page 218 that she married at age 18 then had a daughter and two sons,then tragedy struck and she lost the next child in 1860, a girl who died at under 2 years of age.Tragedy struck again in 1863 as she lost the next child,a son,at two years of age.Things went well with the children until the summer of 1870 at which time she had a son who lived but one day.Her remaining six children (after 1873) all survived her.Her loss of the fourth and fifth children occured during the American Civil War.

For the historical background of this period in Gloucester,we will draw on Garland's review in Peter Smith's reprint of Babson.(pages xviii and xix) He notes that 1501 Gloucestermen served in the Civil War and 127 gave their lives. He also records that in the second year of the war alone,Gloucester lost 162 fishermen and nineteen schooners,most of them on the Georges Bank due to storms. He tells of the worst fire in Gloucester's history,when on Feb.18,1864 a fire downtown burned 103 buildings and left fifteen acres in ashes.

The following information was extracted from a letter from Margaret Eleanor LaFond of 3 Amero Court,Gloucester,dated July 5,1979.Mrs.LaFond is a great grand daughter of George Merchant Sr. and Lucy Norwood,and a grand daughter of Mary Elizabeth Merchant(1834-1908).This Mary E.Merchant was a younger (by 6 years) sister of George Merchant Jr.Extract follows;

> "Mary Elizabeth Merchant (1834-1908) married Elisha Lufkin (1834-1902). Children after several miscarriages,twin daughters,one died,the surviving twin Mary Elizabeth Lufkin,born in the "Lufkin house",corner of East Main Street and Cross Street,Aug.10,1865.The twins were seven month "preemies" delivered with Mary Douglass Merchant who nursed the much wanted baby for the two months needed,along with her own infant son Robert Clifford.She called the child "Little Lib" her "Clothspin" --------- when we think of this one small child,saved by Mary Douglass Merchant and many more that we can't even count,we can be justly proud of our ancestors --------."

(R.D.M.) writes; "At the time of the nursing of this premature infant niece of her husband's,Mary Douglass was 32 years old with a daughter Mary Jane age 14, a son George Edward age 12,another son Orlando age 9,and an infant son Robert Clifford.Two years prior to this nursing episode she had lost a 2 year old son of her own Eugene Howard,and five years before she had lost a two year old daughter Flora Estelle.

We note on page 219,that Mary Parsons,the mother of Mary Douglass,died of "puerperal fever" 23 days after the birth of child Mary Douglass.This disease was caused by doctors and in all probability the mid-wife activities of Mary Douglass may have prevented many such deaths."

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

Shortly after the death of Mary Douglass,an article appeared in the papers describes the career of "Aunt Mary",dated Nov.25,1923;

> The death Monday of Mrs.Mary Douglass Merchant,widow of Capt. George Merchant and mother of Ex-Mayor George E.Merchant,at the advanced age of 91,removes the last of a long line of women who for nearly three centuries have ministered to the community and filled a most important niche.
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> The first recorded of her profession,if the term may be used, is Isabel Babson who came here in 1637 with her son James.Since that time,Isabel has had many successors who ministered to the medical needs of the community principally along maternity lines and until within the past 30 years their services were in demand.
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> These women became quite adept medical practitioners and their services were given willingly and without charge.If the recipients of their sometimes priceless services,of their own volition,chose to make acknowledgement in a substantial way well and good;if not no thought was given the matter.Such was the altruistic neighborly spirit that came down from the olden times.
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> The garrets of these women were usually plentifully stocked with the herbs and roots gathered in fields and woods and were frequently drawn on.Mrs.Merchant was familiary known as "Aunt Mary" which she was in essential fact to many not of her kin. A history of the medical fraternity of the Cape would be incomplete without a large page devoted to Isabel Babson and her successors down to the passing of the last "Aunt Mary" Merchant.
>
> James R.Pringle

George Merchant Jr. and his wife,Mary Douglass begot the following children;

CHILD I MARY JANE MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1851 more p.226

CHILD II GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1853 more p.230

CHILD III ORLANDO MERCHANT b.Feb.12,1856 more p.230

CHILD IV FLORA ESTELLE MERCHANT b.Nov.24,1858 and d.Sept.9,1860 age 1y.9m. 15d. Buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD V EUGENE HOWARD MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1861 and d.Aug.25,1863 age 2y.0m. 16d. Buried at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD VI ROBERT CLIFFORD MERCHANT b.Nov.22,1864 more p.239

CHILD VII JOSEPH CARLTON MERCHANT b.March 8,1867 more p.240

CHILD VIII MERCHANT (son) b.June 1,1870 and d.June 2,1870 (lived one day)

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

Their 9th and last child;

CHILD IX PERCY WASHBURN MERCHANT b.March 31,1873 more p.241

The obituary of George Merchant Jr. follows;

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DEAD
CAPTAIN GEORGE MERCHANT PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING
WAS LONG CONNECTED WITH THE FISHERIES IN MANY WAYS

Capt.George Merchant,born August 3,1828 and died May 5,1906 age 77 years,9 months,two days.

The above dates mark the beginning and the end of life for another of Gloucester's honored citizens,and the breaking of a chain in a large family circle,with consequent sorrow and grief to many friends and acquaintances.

Mr.Merchant dated his ancestry from Jabez Merchant,the first of the name in Gloucester,who came with his brother Ebenezer from Yarmouth (sometime before 1721).Back of that date was John (Marchant) of Braintree,1636,and still further back the name has been traced by his son,George E.,to Gloucester,England in 1220.On the maternal side,from the wife of Jabez,Mary Butman Babson,he was descended from John Robinson the "father" of the Pilgrim Colony.

His great-grandfather was William,one of the grandsons of Jabez,the original settler,who was a lieutenant of a military company in the revolution,and the town record shows that he advanced money to pay for the services of one of the three month's companies who fought at Bunker Hill.

William's son Epes and two brothers served as coast guards, patrolling the coast from Eastern Point to Rockport during the war of 1812,one being captain of the East Ward Company.

William,the grandson of Jabez,and four sons came from Pigeon Cove and settled at the head of the harbor,so-called,and were pioneers in the fishing business in that section.The original site of their fish place is occupied by the warehouses of "Shute & Merchant". (note - it was Hannah,his wife and his sons who came to Gloucester from Pigeon Cove after his death.)

Born to poverty 77 years ago,the second in a family of 13 children,all of whom were reard to adult age,Mr.Merchant early found life a struggle for existence.

His first voyage to sea was in the schooner "Emblem",a craft of small tonnage,he being aged 12 years.In the entire season but 28 bbls.of mackerel were taken,so that his labors added little to the family store.Two years later,when but 14 years of age,he occupied the responsible position of cook in the schooner "Phebe Ann",going to Georges.Then in succession he sailed in the schooner "Clinton" and the schooner "Clarion", a portion of the time bringing in live halibut in the well of the craft,for both were smackers.Then change was made to the

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

The obituary of George Merchant Jr.continues;

schooner "Rockaway",in 1848,sailing with his uncle Gorham as master,the craft being of the "improved" type of sailing vessels, as compared with the partially decked open boat and the pinkey. This was the great "mackerel year."

The following year,1849,found him for the first time,treading the quater deck as skipper,but only for a short time,when he gave up the command to the late Capt.Aaron D.Wells.While on the Georges,after a severe winter storm,he one day baited his hook and throwing the line overboard,remarked that "this is to be my last fish on this bank."His comrades laughed,but so it proved to be,for on his return he left the sea and set up in the business on shore.

Two years later found him however,part owner of the schooner "Gypsy Queen",a boat of 24 tons,which was sailed inconjunction with his brother-in-law,Capt.Solomon Rowe.

A brief period on shore followed and the scene changed to the old schooner "Centurion" and 1857 found him in full command in pursuit of his first seining voyage.From that time on till 1873,Mr.Merchant was constant to this fishery,and to him was due many of the improved methods of the conduct of this industry. Notably in this line was the introduction of the mackerel pocket, which he first put to practical use,although others were experimenting along the same line.

At one time during this period,he was also interested in the attempt to establish the whaling industry at this port when the top sail schooner "Retrieve" was fitted under the command of Capt.Charles Marchant of Fresh Water Cove for a trip to the coast south of Sandy Hook in search of whales,several trips being made but the project being finally abandoned.

In 1873 he left the sea and set up his abode on shore,establishing the seine repairing industry as a permanent business, with the late Joseph Simpson as a partner.From this time on, to the date of his retirement from active business two years ago,excepting the years 1878-79-80,he did a large share of this kind of work,and invented and put to use the greater part of the improved machinery now in service in the business.In the years named (above),his old love of the sea life returned and with his sons,George E. and Orlando,he purchased and commanded the schooner "Hattie B.West",George E. serving as had his father before him as chief cook.

In his service upon the ocean,many narrow escapes were had from disaster to both vessels and crews.Personally he was overboard on three occasions when the loss of life meant but the breaking of a thread as it were.In 1849,in Gloucester harbor he was unceremoniously dumped into the ocean by the sliding of a load of sails,but saved himself by diving beneath the canvass and swimming.Again in 1861,he was thrown overboard off Race Point

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The obituary of George Merchant Jr.continues;

by the toping lift,as the main boom swung across the deck,the vessel running wing on wing under a good breeze at the time. Fortunately the rope broke and as it trailed astern,he caught the end and was towed for quite a distance before being rescued, a part of the time being under water,his father being the one to jam the wheel hard down and bring the vessel up into the wind.Later in Portland harbor he fell from the bowsprit and was taken by the tide beneath the vessel,coming out under her stern,and was able to swim to the bobstay after he got his wind, and clambored on board,much to the surprise of his shipmates.

In the prosecution of the seining industry he came in conflict with the Maine authorities on several occasions and once when his vessel had been "seized" as a porgy pirate,he promtly ordered the men ashore at the point of a pitch fork,being backed up by his crew.

From the time of his establishment of the seine repairing industry up to within a few years,he has been much consulted by the United States Fish Commission as an expert on the fisheries;at many of the exhibitions where the commission has been an exhibitor,his handiwork could be seen in models of seines, boats and fishing appliances.

In his early days,Mr.Merchant,inheriting his talent from his father was a musician of some note,playing the "fiddle", the guitar and cornet with no ordinary skill.With the late Professor J.Jay Watson many happy hours were spent on sea and shore together making melody which brought cheer to all who listened.

He was also one of the original members of the Gloucester Cornet Band,and on one occaision played second cornet under the late lamented P.S.Gilmore.

Mr.Merchant,while deeply interested in town and city,aspired to public office on but two occaisions,being elected councilman from ward one in 1885-6,the latter year being the first year of service of his son,Ex-Mayor George E.Merchant,and it being the only time when both father and son served together. He served on several important committees,notably highways and claims and he was largly instrumental in the establishment of the main drain on Washington Street.

Mr.Merchant has been a consistent member of the First Baptist Church since 1869,and regularly attended the services until failing health forbid.Some twenty years ago he organized and for several years conducted a neighborhood Sunday School,holding sessions in the building then owned by the late Deacon Andrew Parker on the corner of East Main and Parker Streets.

At one time Mr.Merchant contemplated the life of a marine artist,and to this end he studied with the lamented Fitz H.Lane. While the project was given up later,numerous canvasses in the

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

The obituary of George Merchant Jr. continues;

> possession of his family and friends attests his skill with the brush.
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> Mr.Merchant married in 1851 Miss Mary Douglass,a descendant of Jeffery Parsons the first,who bore him nine children,six of whom,together with the widow,remain to mourn his death, Mary J. wife of James M.Woodbury,Hon.George E.,Orlando,Robert Clifford,Joseph Carlton,and Percy W.Merchant.
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> Of the original family of 15 persons,he is the seventh to cross the dark river.His father died in 1899 aged 91 years, his mother dying in 1860.One brother,Gorham A.,and three sisters, Lucy A.,Julia A.,and Isabelle Bowen are dead,while three brothers,Sidney of Wakefield,Edwin and Albion H.,and five sisters Sarah E.,wife of Soloman Rowe,Mary E.,widow of Elisha Lufkin,Miranda,wife of Charles Jackman,Emily C.,widow of Abraham Tarr,and Laura J.,widow of Edwin C.McIntire survive him.
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> The funeral will take place from his late residence on East Main Street at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.
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> End of obituary

We note from the obituary that a century has passed since George M.Jr. put to sea in the schooner "Hattie B.West" in 1878-79-80,with two of his sons George E. aged 26 and Orlando aged 23.The year 1879 was the most dangerous in the 350 years of the fishing industry.In that one year 249 men and 29 vessels were lost.

Joseph E.Garland in his Introduction and Historical Review in Peter Smith's 350th anniversary edition of Babson's History of the Town of Gloucester,on pages xxviii,xxix,and xxx,gives an excellent summary of the causes of the frightful increase of fishing industry casualties in the 1880's.He attributes the loss of ships and men to the unsafe design of the vessels.Speed was a competative advantage in getting to market and less draft allowed docking at shallower warfs.This resulted in too much canvass and too little stability.

The obituary of Mary Douglass Merchant follows;

OLD TIME RESIDENT PASSED AWAY

MRS.MARY (DOUGLASS) MERCHANT,KNOWN AS "AUNT MARY"

LIVED NEARLY 91 YEARS.

> Mrs.Mary (Douglass) Merchant,widow of Capt.George Merchant Jr.,passed to the great beyond yesterday afternoon at the age of 90 years,11 months and 11 days.
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> "Aunt Mary" as she has been known to hundreds,was born December 8,1832,the daughter of Robert and Mary (Parsons) Douglass,her mother giving her life to the child.On her father's side she was a descendant of John Douglass who came to Gloucester from Ipswich way in the days when horseback riding was practically

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The obituary of Mary Douglass Merchant continues;

> the only mode of travel and the ancient ferry was in use at Ferry Lane.Her mother was a daughter of Moses Parsons,a descendant of the famous Jeffrey Parsons who married Sarah Vinson in 1659.Her father died in 1892 at the age of 83 years and over, while her grandfather and grandmother on her father's side reached the ages of 90 and 84 years respectively.
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> Mary Douglass married George Merchant Jr.,March 6,1851,and bore to him nine children,seven sons and two daughters.Three children,two sons and a daughter,died in early life.The others, Mrs.Mary D.Woodbury,wife of James M.Woodbury,George E.,Orlando, Robert Clifford,Joseph C. and Percy W. Merchant remain to mourn her loss,together with 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.
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> Mrs.Merchant was essentially a home lover and home builder, and her special mission in early life was to play the part of the Good Samaritan.Thus she aided the new born babe to its first breath in life and later when little Johnny or Mary recieved an injury of any sort,she was called upon by its mother to assist in binding up the wound and ease the breaking heart.She lived thus in an old age when the handy mid-wife was an essential as the old-fashioned family doctor,and the good pastor of the flock,in cases where both new life and death were to be ministered to.Thus she became everybodies "Aunt" to her early associates,their children and their children's children.
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> Up to within a few years she did her housework as of yore, but advancing age finally made the necessity of assistance being called,and for several years she has lived a life of ease.
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> In early life she became a member of the First Baptist Church, her membership dating back to 1859,and was for many years a constant attendant at the services.She was the oldest,in point of membership,at the time of her death.
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> Her husband,the late well-known Capt.George Merchant Jr., died in 1906 at the age of 77 years.
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> Her funeral will take place from her late home,30 East Main Street on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
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> End of obituary

CHILD I MARY JANE MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1851 m.May 14,1870 James Maddison Woodbury.He b.Jan.3,1849. Mary Jane d.Nov.25,1944 age 93y.3m.16d. No death date on her husband.This couple begot the following children;

CHILD A CLARENCE HOWARD WOODBURY b.April 5,1871 more p.228

CHILD B CLARA EDNA WOODBURY b.July 15,1873. She was alive in 1944 at age 71 and was the widow of Walter E.Holmes of Worcester,Mass.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

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Their 3rd child;

CHILD C HERMAN FOSS WOODBURY b.Nov.23,1875. He was alive in 1944 and living in Wollaston,Mass.

CHILD D HELEN CARLETON WOODBURY b.April 21,1878 and d.March 12,1899 age 20y.10m.22d. She married Fred C.Cahoon,no record of children,if any.

CHILD E JAMES ARTHUR WOODBURY b.Nov.5,1880. Nothing further.

CHILD F IRVING WOODBURY b.Oct.17,1882. Alive and living in Gloucester in Nov.1944.

CHILD G ELMER MASON WOODBURY b.June 24,1885 more p.228

The obituary of Mary Jane Merchant,wife of James Woodbury;

MRS.MARY J.WOODBURY,ONE OF CITY'S OLDEST RESIDENTS,DEAD AT 93

Mrs.Mary Jane (Merchant) Woodbury,93,widow of James Madison Woodbury,died Saturday afternoon at 20 Mason Street,where she had resided the past five years.

Mrs.Woodbury was the daughter of George Merchant and Mary Douglass and was born in Gloucester August 9,1851.She attended schools here,graduating from Gloucester High School in the class of 1868,after which she was bookkeeper at the Alex Pattillo Store on Main Street.

She married James Madison Woodbury of Harwich,Vt. in 1870. She leaves one daughter Clara Edna,widow of the late Walter E. Holmes of Worcester;and three sons Herman F. and Elmer M. of Wollaston,and Irving M. of this city;a brother,Joseph C.Merchant; eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mrs.Woodbury traces her ancestry from Jabez Merchant,the first of the name in Gloucester,who came with his brother, Ebenezer,from Yarmouth about 1721.Back of that date was John (Marchant) of Braintree;still further back the name has been traced by her late brother,Hon.George E.Merchant,to old Gloucester,England,in 1220.

On the maternal side,from the wife of Jabez Merchant (Mary Butman Babson),she was descended from John Robinson,father of the Pilgrim Colony.Her great great grandfather was William, one of the great grandsons of Jabez,who was a lieutenant of a military company in the Revolution and advanced money to pay for the services of one of the three months companies who fought at "Bunker Hill".William,the grandson of Jabez,and four sons came from Pigeon Cove and settled at the head of the harbor, (It was his wife,Hannah,and his four sons who came to Gloucester,

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The obituary of Mary Jane continues;

> after the death of William), and were pioneers in the fishing business in that section.The original site of their fish place was Parker Street,where Shute & Merchant's warehouses once stood. On her mother's side she was a direct descendant of Jeffery Parsons,one of the first Gloucester settlers.
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> Her father and brother served as city fathers.Her father was Councilman from ward one,while her brother,the late George E. Merchant served as Mayor of Gloucester.
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> The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at W.S.Pike Memorial Funeral Home,61 Middle Street with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.
>
> Nov.25,1944

CHILD A CLARENCE HOWARD WOODBURY b.April 5,1871 and d.Aug.28,1892. His obituary published Mon.Aug.29,1892

> Clarence Howard,son of James M. and Mary J. (Merchant) Woodbury,departed this life for the life beyond,on Sunday,at the age of twenty-one years,four months and thirteen days.A sufferer for a year past from a complication of diseases,he bore his lot with patience,cheering his friends with words of comfort, when to them the way seemed dark.A young life has gone out which promised much;the fulfillment of the promise will ever be with those who knew him as he was,a faithful son and brother; a friend to all.
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> The funeral will take place from the residence of George Merchant Jr.,30 East Main Street,tomorrow at 10 A.M.
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> DUST TO DUST
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> The last sad tribute of respect was paid by the friends of the late Clarence H.Woodbury,yesterday,when the grave claimed the body as its own.Rev.W.F.Cook officiated at the services. Among the floral offerings was a pillow in white immortellis, from the immediate family,a crescent from "Gunners",a basket of beautiful flowers from Mr.and Mrs.Orlando Merchant,wreath from Mr.Chas.J.Gray,besides numerous other smaller pieces,all equally valuable as showing the esteem in which the memory of the deceased was held by his many friends.
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> Bottem clipping Aug.31,1892

Nothing further on the children B,C,D,E, and F,so will continue with;

CHILD G ELMER MASON WOODBURY b.June 24,1885 m.June 12,1919 Catherin Jeanette Yule.Listed as alive in his mother's obituary and living in Wollaston, Mass. Nov.1944. Next page we have a write-up of their marriage.

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The marriage of their youngest child,Elmer M.Woodbury;

TOOK HIS BRIDE IN WOLLASTON

ELMER M.WOODBURY AND CHARMING MISS CATHERINE

YULE ARE WED.

Elmer M.Woodbury of this city and Miss Catherine Jeanette Yule of Quincy were married at Wollaston on Thursday last by Rev.Harry E.Hurd,pastor of the Community Church of Quincy Point.

The Quincy Patriot of Friday has the following account of the affair;a wedding of interest to a host of Quincy people took place last evening at the home of Mrs.Mary A.Yule of 15 Kemper Street Wollaston,when her daughter,Catherine Jeanette Yule became the bride of Elmer Mason Woodbury of Gloucester. The Rev.Harry E.Hurd,pastor of the Community Church of Quincy Point of which the bride has been a member for several years, officiated at the double ring service.

The bride was attended by (his) niece Miss Edna R.Woodbury of Gloucester,and the best man was Stephen F.Yule,a brother of the bride.The wedding march was played on the violin by Malcolm Mosher,the 11 year old nephew of the bride,accompanied on the piano by Mrs.Mosher of East Braintree.The little flower girl was Alice Barbara Mosher the bride's niece.

The bride was gowned in white silk net over ivory satin, with embroidered pearl trimmings.Her bridal veil of silk net which was caught up with orange blossems,was an heirloom and she carried a shower bouquet of roses.The bridesmaid was in pale pink crepe de chine,and she carried pink roses.The little flower girl was in light blue silk.She carried a basket of rose petals which she strewed in the path of the bridal party.

The ceremony was held under a bower of roses and marguerites, and the rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and plants.

The bride's gift to her attendant was a handsome cameo brooch, and to her little niece a locket and chain.The groom's gift to the best man was a cravet pin.

An informal reception to relatives and close friends followed the ceremony and refreshments were served.In the midst of festivities the bride was demanded to cut the wedding cake,but it developed that the couple had quietly disappeared.

The bride is a popular Quincy girl,until recently a resident of Quincy Point.She is a graduate of the Washington Grammar and Quincy High School,and of Burdett's Business College.She has been employed at Fore River for several years where she has been holding a responsible position in the chief hull draftsmans office.She is also owner of Wistaria Bungalow,where her delightful personality and merry smile have made for a host of friends.The groom is the son of Mr.and Mrs.James Woodbury of

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The marriage of their youngest child,Elmer M.Woodbury continues;

> Gloucester,and is employed at the Charlestown Navy Yard.
> On their return from a wedding trip in the White Mountains the couple will reside at their new home at 112 Marlboro Street Wollaston.
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> End of clipping

This ends the records of Mary Jane Merchant and her family,so will go on to;

CHILD II GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT b.Sept.9,1853 m.March 6,1879 to Charlotte Estelle Lufkin who was b.Aug.5,1857.She was the daughter of Samuel Lufkin and Mary Potter Brown. George E. is our first historian so will record his history in the following chapter,Chapter 6 "Our Family Historians".

CHILD III ORLANDO MERCHANT b.Feb.12,1856 m.Dec.6,1883 Charlotte Jane Gray dau. of William Gray and Charlotte Burton Johnson.She was b.Nov.9,1860 at Petite Riviere,Nova Scotia and d.Oct.27,1909 of "embolism".Roy Merchant writes; "died at a hospital in Boston following an operation." Age 48y.11m.19d. Orlando d.Sept.8,1930 age 74y.6m.26d. (R.D.M.) writes; "His death is listed as being in Gloucester but I believe he died in Danvers State Hospital of "severe arterioschlerosis and cerebrovascular deterioration". Both are buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 514. Orlando married second,Mary Garland Wonson on Jan.27,1914,she at age 39 and he at age 57.Mary was b.June 28,1874 and d.1954-?

Charlotte J.Gray,the first wife of Orlando,moved with her parents from her birth place in Nova Scotia to Gloucester in 1876,she aged about 16,then at age 27 married Orlando Dec.6,1883.

Roy Merchant writes; "They lived at 41 Mt.Vernon Street the first five years of married life and then moved to #39 Mt.Vernon Street,where they lived till Charlotte's death Oct.27,1909."

He continues; "Orlando Merchant entered the employ of Rowe & Jordan,wholesale fish merchants as office boy.He was shortly made clerk and later manager. He was made a junior member of the firm in 1900,Mr.Rowe having died,the firm being then known as Wm.H.Jorden & Co. In 1915 the firm was incorporated being known as Wm.H.Jordan Co. They operated a fleet of 12 fishing vessels,buying and selling fresh and salt smoked and frozen fish of all kinds."

He writes further; "After his wife's death,Orlando Merchant continued to live at 39 Mt.Vernon Street,Gloucester and married again Jan.17,1914 Mary Garland Wonson,dau. of Addison Wonson and Mary Averill of Gloucester."

G.E.M. notes that the mother of Mary G.Wonson,Mary Averiel (above) was from Topsfield and further sums up Orlando's career thus; "After passing through the schools at Gloucester,he entered the employ of Messrs.Rowe & Jorden,engaged in the prosecution of the fisheries,where at this writing he still remains,as confidential clerk to the surviving partner and children."

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Vessels under sail - Owners William H.Jordan & Orlando Merchant

ESPERANTO

This fishing schooner was built in the Essex shipyard and launched June 27, 1906. She sailed on her maiden trip July 7,1906 under the command of Capt. Charles Harty,arrived in Boston on July 20,with a load of 8,000 pounds of fresh mackerel.One of the most succeseful of her skippers was Capt.Little Dan McDonald,on Aug.24,1917,pulled into Gloucester (from the Gully) with 30,000 pounds of halibut and 115,000 pounds fresh fish,on Sept.25,1917 arrived in Boston with 45,000 pounds halibut.

In the spring of 1921,the Esperanto sailed under the command of Capt.Tom Benham,while fishing off Sable Island,struck the submerged wreck of the S.S. State of Virginia and in 20 minutes went down in 65 feet of water.Her crew took to the dories and safely landed at Halifax,N.S. The vessell had aboard a cargo of 14,000 pounds of salt cod.

Although sunk,her masts still protruded above the water and salvage crews attempted to raise her which they did,but their efforts were hampered by high winds and rough seas and failed to keep her afloat.Several attempts were made but on July 25,1921,she broke up and the wreckage began coming ashore on Sable Island.The graveyard of the Atlantic claimed another vessel..

Her gross tons	140
net "	91
Length	107.4 feet
Breadth	25.4 "
Depth	11.4 "

CLENTONIA

The schooner built at Vincent Cove and launched on June 26,1907.She sailed on her maiden trip on July 3,1907 under the command of Capt.Charles Harty.On July 13,arrived at Boston having aboard 400 barrels of salt mackerel and 100 barrels mackerel.

On Jan. 1913,we have a note of the loss of two fishermen,Stephen Muis----, and Simeon Merchant who failed to return from their trawls of Liscomb,N.S. A heavy gale set in that night and they were never seen again.

(I have no record as to who this Simeon Merchant was - F.R.M.)

The Clentonia was sold on March 1916 at Newfoundland.

On Nov.1921 while on a trip from Placentia Bay,Newfoundland to Oporto, Portugal with a cargo of salt cod,became dismasted and was abondoned by her crew who were later picked up and thereby rescued.

Her gross tons	147
net	105
Length	109 feet
Breadth	25.1 "
Depth	11.9 "

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ORIOLE

This schooner was built during the spring of 1908 at Essex and launched on June 24,1908.She sailed on her maiden trip on July 2,1908 under command of Capt. Thad Morgan from Virginia,arriving on July 11,with 10,000 pounds of fresh mackerel which was sold to Glou.Fresh Fish Co.

During the next few years she went on herring trips and had several skippers, Capt.Daniel McDonald commanded her in 1915 and took her halibuting.

On the evening of Aug.12,1916 she was rammed and sunk by the Norwegian steamer,Borghild,40 miles W.S.W. of Seal Island,N.S. She was bound home with a cargo of 27,000 pounds fresh halibut,10,000 pounds fresh mackerel and 6,000 pounds of salt fish.The Oriole went down in 4 minutes,12 survivers and 4 lost to "Davy Jones Locker".

Her gross tons	145
net "	104
Length	115.5 feet
Breath	25 "
Depth	12 "

STILLETTO

This fishing schooner built 1909-10 at the shipyard at Vincent Cove,and was launched May 11,1910 sailing on her maiden trip May 21,1910 under command of Capt.Charles Harty,seining off the Cape Shore.She returned to Gloucester July 24th with out a fare,the worst mackerel season in 40 years.

Over the next few years sailed under several skippers who took her haddocking,halibuting and on herring trips.

In 1930,while under the command of Capt.Howard Tobey,and bound south,on a spring mackerel trip,she became stranded on a sand bar (due to a light fog) a mile off Fork River,N.J. April 4,1930.Her keel was pounded off and she was a total lost,her crew of 15 were saved.

Her gross tons	136
net "	91
Length	105.7 feet
Breadth	24.8 "
Depth	11.7 "

An auxiliay engine installed in 1917

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The following is a letter from Mrs.Helen A.Tidman to R.D.M. Oct.7,1979.

Dear Mr.Merchant;

Your letter of inquiry about my memories of Orlando Merchant has certainly awakened memories of long ago.I went to work for Wm.H.Jordan Co.right out of High School and stayed with them for possibly two years.Mr.Jordan seldom came to the office,and Orlando Merchant handled all the business affairs.His secretary was Florence Keene from Riverdale and she eventually married Ralph Webber,Captain of one of the ships.Their daughter became the first woman Mayor of Gloucester.

It was a very interesting job,as they outfitted the fleet with imperishable food for their long trips to the fishing grounds.There were always big rounds of cheese,barrels of pickles,crackers etc.,and we could nibble on those at times. A relative of Mr.Jordans (Mr.John Hawson) was in charge and he was very watchful that we didn't over do the nibbling.Yet if we had a cold or didn't feel up to par he would give us one of the delicious coconut cakes from Bailwy's of Boston.When the fleet came in from a long trip the Captains would give each of us a box of candy from Saunders of Gloucester,also several gallons of ice cream which could easily be kept frozen.

My memories of Mr.Orlando Merchant are most pleasant,very smart and very business like,most understanding but always expecting conscientious effort and a good days work.I also remember your father who was a few years ahead of me in High School ------ I do remember that he like his father was very fine looking.

A letter has been preserved which was a marriage proposal from Orlando Merchant to Charlotte Jane Gray.Letter not dated but the contents mentions he is 25 years old and she is 20 years so the letter was written in 1881.

Lottie;

Believing it my duty to tell you what my intentions are in regard to yourself,I will now try to do so in this note.The reason of my writing instead of speaking is because I wish you to have a chance to think before answering as what I am going to say and your answer has to do with my whole life.I wish to ask if you are willing to marry me and if you are willing to wait for me two or three years.I would like to be married in a year,but I cannot offer myself to any girl until I have a reasonable chance of supporting her.Lottie,I suppose it is customary for one to tell a girl how much he loves her and all that,but I would rather (if your answer should be favorable) that my life should show that.Now Lottie you see as well as I what a great many unhappy marriages there are and that we know

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The marriage proposal continues;

and some that we little suspect.Probably one half that get married repent of it afterward,now I do not wish to be in that half.Lottie I do not know what you think or know about me perhaps you think better than I deserve and may be not,but will tell you what I do know of myself.I have a very quick temper for one thing and do many things that I am sorry for on account of it. You saw this in me at one time last summer.About my drinking habits I do not think you will have cause to regret on that account.About your self,Lottie,I know very little as I have only seen you evenings but what I think you do posess is smartness and common sense,about your habits at home through the day I know nothing at all,but should not make this proposal if I did not think you are just as you seem.Now Lottie when I get married I do not altogether do so for a home but I want to be happier.I tell you this because some people seem to think they had ought to be married because they want a home,but find they have made a mistake after being married.I have heard you speak several times when we have been joking about which should be head of the family.I have never told you just what I think but will do so now.When a woman marries a man I consider she has as much interest in his sucess as himself and do not see why she has not just as much right to express her opinion on his affairs either in business or at home.I do not mean Lottie,to say I every intend to allow a woman to take charge of me as I never intend any such thing but that I wish to marry a woman for a companion,not a slave.You have also spoken about married men stopping at home for a few months and then going out,now I want to be married for life not for months and do not see any reason why I should change,not that I believe stopping at home every evening for I consider every man owes the country or city he lives in some of his time and know you think the same.Lottie I wish to give you enough time before agreeing to bind yourself to me,what I would like to have you do is this,give me an answer now and in one year.If you see no reason to change your mind, I should like to be engaged.You may not see why I want to wait so long before getting married as I am now 25 but still I do not think there would be any time lost as you are now twenty.It seems a long time to wait but still I believe it would be better for us at any rate it would be for me situated as I now am.This may not be Lottie,your idea of proposing to one as we generally think of as falling ones knees and expressing a great deal of love (which most of the time means nothing) but I think this will give you a better chance to think seriously before answering. Hoping that you will forgive me if I say anything wrong in this and anxiously waiting your answer I remain Yours Very Truly

ORLANDO MERCHANT

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From the letter on the previous page we get a fairly good idea on the character and type of personality that was Orlando Merchant.Following we have some notes supplied by his daughter,Miriam;

"My father was very good at art although he had no formal training and he never worked in color as far as I know.He was also into music and quite a good pianist.I didn't inherit any musical talent as far as performance goes,although I adore symphonic music."

"He did read a lot and his passion was music.As for religion,I really don't know how religious he was only he'd go anywhere to church if the music was good. However he did attend the Methodist Church with my mother some.I vaguely recall my father went to the Baptist Church before marrying my mother.After that,he went to the Methodist with her.And he was a very honest man.He was right in saying he had a quick temper although I never saw much evidence of this,since he learned to control it pretty well.(She is referring to the letter on the previous page.) And it must have taken some control at times with my mother,as he was also an impatient man while she hadn't the fogiest notion of time."

Written 1982-85 to F.R.M.

Orlando Merchant and his first wife,Charlotte J.Gray begot;

CHILD A ROY DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Jan.19,1887 more p.235

Orlando by his second wife,Mary G.Wonson begot;

CHILD B MIRIAM W.MERCHANT b.May 24,1917 more p.238

On Sept.30,1979,R.D.M. writes; "Orlando Merchant on this date has one of his two children,Miriam,living.Miriam did not marry and lives in Gloucester.He has two of his four grand children living,all nine of his great grand children alive as well as his eighteen great great grand children."

His will follows;

After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges,I bequeath and devise as follows;

1st. I give unto my grand-daughter,Charlotte G.Merchant,the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars,in trust neverthless,the income may be paid to her at least twice each year,for her education,and the principal of said trust fund shall be paid to her,one half thereof,when she is twenty five years of age,and the other half,when she arrives at thirty five years of age,free from all trusts.
2nd. I give to my grandsons,Viz; Orlando Merchant and Robert D.Merchant,the sum of Five Hundred Dollars,the same to be held in trust,the income may be paid to them,and the principal shall be paid to each of them free from all trusts,when each arrives at the age of twenty five years.

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The will of Orlando Merchant continues;

3rd. I give to my brother Robert Clifford Merchant,the sum of One Thousand Dollars,the same to be held in trust,the income shall be paid to him semi-annually,and so much of the principal as my said Trustee deems necessary for his comfort and proper support.Any remainder shall revert to my estate.
4th. My house on Eastern Point Hill in said Gloucester,I consider of the value of Thirty Five Hundred Dollars,this property I give to my son Roy D. Merchant,and he is to allow one half of that sum to be taken from my personal property that is to go to him,and to be paid to my wife as I intend to divide my said property in to two equal shares,and he has always desired to have the said real estate.
All the rest,residue and remainder of my said estate,both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever situate,that I am possessed of or entitled unto, or that is held in trust for me by any person or persons whomsoever,I dispose of as follows,Viz; I give one half part thereof,less the sum set forth in Item 4,of this will to my son Roy D.Merchant,the same to be held in trust for the term of five years,from my decease,the income to be paid semi-annually,and at the expiration of said Five Years,the said principal shall be paid to him free from all Trusts.The other half part of my said estate,I give to my wife Mary G. Merchant,she to use the income and so much of the principal thereof as upon her decease,or in the event that she does not survive me,the balance then remaining,or said half part thereof,shall go to our daughter Miriam W.Merchant, the same to be held in trust,the income therefrom to be paid for her support, schooling and education;and not exceeding one half of the principal shall be paid to her on her arriving at the age of twenty five years;and the other half of said principal of said trust fund may be paid to her on her arriving at the age of thirty five years,free from all trusts.
I nominate my said wife Mary G.Merchant to be the guardian of our daughter Miriam W.Merchant,and I request that she may be exempt from giving a surety on her official bond as such guardian.
I nominate the Gloucester Safe Deposit and Trust Company,of said Gloucester,to be the executor and trustee under this will,and I request that they be exempt from giving a surety on their official bond as such executor and trustee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,I hereunto set my hand and in the presence of three witnessess declare this to be my last will,this fifth day of February,A.D.1929.

ORLANDO MERCHANT

His obituary follows;

SUDDEN DEATH TODAY OF ORLANDO MERCHANT

Orlando Merchant,for many years well known in the fishing business,died at his home,6 Haskell Street,this morning,unexpectedly,although he had been in poor health for two years.
The deceased was the son of George and Mary (Douglass)

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His obituary continues;

> Merchant,and was born in this city.As a boy he entered the employ of Rowe & Jordan,and after the death of Mr.Rowe became junior partner in the firm,which became W.H.Jordan & Company, continuing until eight years ago,when he retired.
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> He was twice married,his first wife being Charlotte Gray, who died 20 years ago.His second wife was Mary G.Wonson,who survives him.He leaves a son,Roy Douglass,by the former marriage, and a daughter,Miriam W.,by the latter.He also leaves three brothers,Clifford,Joseph and Percy,and a sister,Mrs.Mary,widow of William Woodbury.
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> Mr.Merchant was a member of the Masonic fraternity,and Knight Templar,and attended the Prospect Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

The history of his first child;

CHILD A ROY DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Jan.19,1887 m.Jan.12,1911 Laura Doleman Hiltz dau. of John A.Hiltz Jr. and Laura Ada,in Somerville,Mass.Roy was born in Gloucester and d.Feb.3,1951 also in Gloucester,at the age of, 64y.1m.15d. Laura Hiltz,his wife,d.June 15,1973 age 83y.9m.28d. She died in the Ipswich Hospital,was cremated and the ashes buried at Oak Grove Cemetery,her husband having also been buried there.Forgot to mention that Laura Hiltz was b.Aug.17, 1889 at Lockport,Nova Scotia.

The following is copied vertabim from Roy Merchant's notebook and covers a period from his marriage in 1911 to March 1,1917.

> "When first married the above couple lived with the brides parents at Gloucester,Mass.where the husband was employed at W.H.Jordan Co. They moved May 1911 to Lynn and lived there at 68 Whiting Street until Nov.30,1911.He was employed from March 20 to Oct. 30,1911 as a draftsman in the Lynn General Electric Co.,Gas Engine Dept. He then took a six months temporary position in the Accounting Dept. at the Boston Navy Yard. The couple moved back to Gloucester Dec.1,1911 and their first child was born on Elm Street,at the home of the husband's aunt,Mrs.Laura Wilson, who was a trained nurse.They lived all the next year,1912, with the husband's grandmother at 39 Mt.Vernon Street.During this time the husband worked for the Navy Yard,till May 1,1912.For the Director of the Port of Boston,on a topographic survey till July 1,1913.The family moved to 28 Paul Gore Street Jamaica Plain March 1,1913 and to 25 Marshall Street Winthrop,Mass. July 1,1913.The husband at that date entered the employ of the State Board of Charity,as clerk and later July 1,1915 was promoted to Visitor.The family moved to 91 Hermon Street May 1,1915

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CHILD A ROY D.MERCHANT(1887-1951) & LAURA D.HILTZ(1889-1973)

and to 89 Hermon Street March 1,1917.

(R.D.M.) writing in Oct.1979,almost 62 years later; "The husbands aunt, Mrs.Laura Wilson (Roy's aunt) in whose house Charlotte was born,was Laura Estell Gray (married Wilson) 9th child of William and Charlotte "Grammie" Gray and sister of Roy's mother.

Although Roy's history ends March 1,1917,he wrote it subsequent to Aug.1917 because previous he had listed the twin's birth on Aug.9,1917.

My father Roy in writing almost always used the ampersand thus instead of and.

Roy Merchant and his wife,Laura Hiltz begot the following children;

CHILD a CHARLOTTE G.MERCHANT b.Dec.28,1911 m.Nov.1935 Harold F.Bowen They live in Miami Florida.No other information.(See obit.of child d for resid.)

CHILD b ROBERT DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Nov.1,1913 m.Oct.7,1939 to Muriel B.Leuchsenring who was b.June 2,1916 in New Bedford,Mass. She was the dau. of Robert Leuchsenring and Ethel Kanuse. Robert D. is our second historian so will record his history in the following chapter,Chapter 6 "Our Family Historians".

CHILD c JOHN HILTZ MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1917 at Winthrop,Mass. and d.1920 also at Winthrop.

CHILD d ORLANDO MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1917 (a twin) more p.237

The obituary of Roy D.Merchant;

ROY D.MERCHANT
RETIRED OFFICIAL
DIED TODAY AT HOSPITAL

Roy D.Merchant,retired supervisor of settlements and claims for the welfare department at the state house for 37 years,and prominent past officer and member of local and Winthrop Masonic Lodges,died yesterday afternoon at the Addison Gilbert Hospital where he had been confined since January 29.Mr.Merchant was 64.

A leader in Masonic circles,Mr.Merchant was installed as High Priest of William Ferson Royal Arch Chapter in 1939.He was a member of The Tyrian Lodge,A.F. & A.M.,and a past officer in the Winthrop Masonic Council,having held office in 1935.

Mr.Merchant,a graduate of Harvard University,class of 1909, retired from State employment on January 1 of this year.A native of Gloucester,he was the son of Orlando and Charlotte (Gray) Merchant.He had resided in Winthrop for 23 years and later

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CHILD A ROY D.MERCHANT(1887-1951) & LAURA D.HILTZ(1889-1973)

His obituary continues;

> purchased a farm in Essex and lived there for 15 years before returning to Gloucester a year ago.His home address was 30 East Main Street.
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> Mr.Merchant was a member of St.John's Episcopal Church of Winthrop.
>
> He leaves his wife,the former Laura Hiltz,a daughter,Charlotte, wife of Harold F.Bowen of Miami,Fla.,two sons,Robert D. of Danvers,and Orlando,of Manchester,and nine grandchildren.
>
> Funeral services will be held at the Pike Memorial Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,Wednesday at 2 o'clock,with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Roy D.Merchant and his wife,Laura D.Hiltz were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery as noted already but have neglected to record the lot number which is # 514.

In regards to the children's history,we have nothing further on child a Charlotte G.,child b Robert D.Merchant is our family historian and will be found in the next chapter.Child c John H. died in childhood and so we have one remaining,the last child,Orlando.

CHILD d ORLANDO MERCHANT b.Aug.9,1917 in Winthrop,Mass. m.July 7,1943 Mary Caldwell Homan in California and d.May 3,1976 in Manchester,Mass.,and was Buried in Essex in the Spring Street Cemetery.No data or other information on his wife. We find 3 children listed in his obituary,we will list them arbitrarily;

CHILD d 1 ARNOLD P.MERCHANT (of York Beach,Maine)

CHILD d 2 MARY L.MERCHANT m.Laurence Malo

CHILD d 3 KATHERINE T.MERCHANT m.Jerry L.Young

The obituary of Orlando Merchant follows;

ORLANDO MERCHANT

> MANCHESTER - Orlando Merchant,58,of Old Essex Road,husband of Mary C.Homan Merchant,died yesterday at his residence.
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> He was the owner of Fox Rock Kennels,which he operated from his residence for the past 11 years.
>
> Mr.Merchant was born in Winthrop Aug.9,1917,son of the late Roy D. and Laura M.(Hiltz) Merchant.
>
> During World War II he served as a staff-sargeant in the U.S.Army with Co.C.17th Infantry Battalion.He was a member of the Manchester Lodge,A.F. & A.M.

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CHILD III ORLANDO MERCHANT(1856-1930) & CHARLOTTE J.GRAY(1860-1909)

CHILD A ROY D.MERCHANT(1887-1951) & LAURA D.HILTZ(1889-1973)

CHILD d ORLANDO MERCHANT(1917-1976) & MARY C.HOMAN(no data)

His obituary continues;

> In addition to his widow,he is survived by a son,Arnold P. of York Beach,Maine,two daughters,Mary L.,wife of Laurence Malo, and Katherine T.,wife of Jerry L.Young;a brother,Robert D. Merchant of Danvers,a sister,Charlotte Bowen of Ft.Lauderdale, Fla.,and three grandchildren.
>
> Graveside services will be held in Spring Street Cemetery, Essex,Wednesday morning at 11.There will be no visiting hours.
>
> In ---- of flowers,donations may be made to the American Heart Fund or to the corenary care unit of Beverly Hospital.
>
> Funeral arrangements are being made by the James C.Greely Funeral Home,212 Washington Street,Gloucester.
>
> Gloucester Times May 4,1976

(F.R.M.) Takes notice that Orlando owned the Fox Rock Kennels in Manchester.We have been informed that he raised "Golden Retrievers".

We have completed the history of Roy D.Merchant and his children,he being child A of Orlando and Charlotte Gray. He begot another child,Miriam,whom we now take notice; (Note - the He above is Orlando 1856-1930.)

CHILD B MIRIAM W.MERCHANT b.May 24,1917 (never married) I believe that she worked for several years in the advertizing office of Jordan Marsh in Boston, is now retired and lives on 12 Davis Street Gloucester. We have some little information concerning her,extracted from her letters. We find that she is a person who enjoys fine music,we quote; (The following written to F.R.M.)

> "Since you enjoy music,I'm wondering if you heard the channel 2 broadcast of the Vienna Philharmonic with Leonard Bernstien, conducting Beethoven's Fifth the other night ? And I was glad I was home to hear the performance.Right now,I'm reading "Maria Callas".Parts of the book are quite interesting,others not so interesting.I mean when you just more or less have a list of her performances,it grows rather monotonous.I'm not mad on opera to begin with.Of course I like some of the music (I do enjoy Mozart operas) but I much prefer orchestrial music."

Her feelings toward the church became rather negative during her early years however as is often the case,a spark of the "Devine" may be noted in her deeper thoughts.

> "I revolted against it when I was 12 years old and was never forced to go after that.I guess I've never been religious in

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CHILD III ORLANDO MERCHANT(1856-1930) & MARY G.WONSON(1874-1954)2nd m. Their daughter Miriam,continued;

> the conventual sense."
> "I'm more interested in Christian Science than any other religion, I think,I guess I find religion in nature more than anything else although I don't often think of it that way."

Thus we end our records on child III Orlando Merchant,of the children of George Merchant Jr.,child IV and child V died in childhood so we will take up;

CHILD VI ROBERT CLIFFORD MERCHANT b.Nov.22,1864 (not married) d.March 14,1936. Age 71y.3m.23d. He was known to all as "Cliff".G.E.M. has nothing on him except his birthdate,however some information is supplied in a letter from Mrs.LaFond.

The following is extracted from a letter from Mrs.LaFond(she a first cousin to Cliff).Dated Aug.25,1979.

> "My memories of Robert "Cliff" Merchant are varied.He teased all the children by rubbing his stubby beard on their cheeks. He had a slight impediment of speech.He never married.Always, when he dressed up,he had a bachelor's button in his lapel,and a straw hat,with feather,and looked very neat.After comming from East Main Street,he lived in my parents house at 6 Amero Court,and then boarded with them until his death here at 3 Amero Court.Cliff had many interesting stories to tell about England, where he went to trace the Merchant roots.He found,on going to France,that the Merchant men who married French women changed their names to Marchant.After Pa died,mother broke her wrist, and Cliff was her 'Right Hand Man'.He seemed more like a brother, than a cousin.My mother once told me that she couldn't do enough for Cliff,because of her love for "Aunt Mary".Robert Clifford Merchant was a real gentleman as well as an historian."

We have a brief quote from a letter written Sept.7,1979 by Russell C.Merchant who lives on 15 Plum Street,Gloucester.(Russell was a nephew to Cliff.)

> "In regard to Cliff,in his later years,he worked for his nephew Arthur Woodbury,in his seine loft on Parker Street. I don't know,but I think Cliff must have used up his inheritance in his later years,to live on,as he was quite poor."

(R.D.M.)writes; The inheritance mentioned above was $1000. left to him by his brother Orlando Merchant (Will proved Oct.6,1930),"the same to be held in trust, the income shall be paid to him semi-annually,and so much of the principal as my said Trustee deems necessary for his comfort and proper support."
The will was made Feb.5,1929 when Cliff was just over 64 years old.When the will was proved Cliff was 66 1/2 yrs. old and was to live five and a half years more.

The nephew,Arthur Woodbury,in whose seine loft Cliff worked was child E of his sister,who was child I Mary Jane Merchant.

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

CHILD VI ROBERT C.MERCHANT(1864-1936) (never married)

His obituary below;

ROBERT C.MERCHANT

Robert C.Merchant,formerly a seine repairer,died this morning at the Addison Gilbert Hospital at the age of 72 years,following a brief illness.

He was a native of this city,son of George and Mary (Douglass) Merchant.He leaves two brothers,Percy W. and Joseph C.,and a sister,Mrs.Mary J.Woodbury,all of this city.He was single and resided at 5 Amero Court.

Funeral services will be held at the Prospect Street Methodist Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock,with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The above found in the Gloucester Times,dated March 14,1936,below is a clipping under Funerals,dated March 17,1936.

ROBERT C.MERCHANT

Funeral services for Robert C.Merchant were held from the Prospect Street Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon, Rev.Revilo M.Standish,pastor,officiated.A delegation from Tyrian Lodge of Masons attended in a body and a Masonic service was conducted by Alfred G.Ireland,worshipful master,and Mayor Weston U.Friend,past master.

The pall bearers were Percy A.,Russell C.,Raymond P. and Roy D.Merchant,and Irving C. and Ralph Woodbury,nephews of the deceased.Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD VII JOSEPH CARLTON MERCHANT b.March 8,1867 and d.1961 aged 94y. He m.June 26,1890 Bertha Barr,who was b.June 20,1873 at Moneton,New Brunswick and was the daughter of James Barr and Helen Mann.She d.1948.Both were buried at Oak Grove Cemetery. Joseph and Bertha Barr begot but one child;

CHILD A JOSEPH MERCHANT b.July 11,1891 and died the same day.

G.E.M. writting in the early 1920s; The parents of Bertha Barr removed from England to New Brunswick where she was born.Her parents died when she was a baby and she with one sister Ida,and a brother Fred Warren Barr were separated. She was taken in charge by Robert Armstrong,who removed to Chelsea,Mass. and later lived at East Boston and Gloucester.Upon her marriage,she assumed her own name again,and through the marriage notice,being seen by interested parties the children once more got in touch with each other.Her sister Ida,is married and now lives at Andover,N.B.,while her brother Fred,lives at San Antone,Texas, where he is connected with the Board of Locomotive Engineers.

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

CHILD VII JOSEPH C.MERCHANT(1867-1961) & BERTHA BARR(1873-1948)

The following information is from a letter written by Russell C.Merchant on Sept.7,1979.He a nephew of Joseph C.Merchant.

> "Uncle Joe was a stone mason by trade,also a jack of all trades,he built himself a boat in which he ran a ferry in the summer,from the Hawthorn Inn and Rockaway Hotel to the city proper and back.I don't know what the fare was,probably a quater."

CHILD VIII MERCHANT son b.June 1,1870 and d.June 2,1870 (Not named)

CHILD IX PERCY WASHBURN MERCHANT b.March 31,1873 m.Nov.26,1894 Sarah Lois Goodwin,dau. of Joseph A.Goodwin and Anna Publiccover.No birth date on Sarah, but she d.Oct.12,1960 and is buried at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery with her husband. Percy d.Jan.2,1937 at age 63y.9m.2d. Russell C.Merchant writes the following;

> "My father had a high school education.His first job was working for Shute & Merchant on Parker Street,in the office. (A salt fish concern as far as I know.) I don't know who the Merchant clan was.Later when this firm closed,I don't know but I think the Gorton Pew firm bought out the business and closed the building up.He then went to work for Sylvanna Smith as manager,and then in his later years for Frank Pierce who took over the business."
>
> "After he retired,for health reasons,he raised dahlias, selling the bulbs and flowers.The flowers were sold for a dollar a dozen and the bulbs were sold mostly to summer people."

Percy W.Merchant and his wife,Sarah L.Goodwin begot the following children;

CHILD A RAYMOND PRESSON MERCHANT b.Oct.9,1896 more below

CHILD B LOIS RACHEL MERCHANT b.Jan.4,1899 more p.242

CHILD C RUSSELL CARLTON MERCHANT b.May 9,1901 more p.242

CHILD D PERCY WASHBURN MERCHANT b.Nov.26,1903 more p.244

What little information that we have on the above children follows;

CHILD A RAYMOND PRESSON MERCHANT b.Oct.9,1896 (same as above) m.Aug.27, 1921 Francis Minnie Gochey at Wells River,Vermont.She was b. 1901 as her age is given as 20 at marriage.She was born in Derby,Vermont and was the dau. of Dean W.Gochey and Harriet Hunman. Raymond married second,Katherine Maguire. No data on her. He and his first wife,Francis begot, (Raymond d.Aug.27,1965)

CHILD a PRISCILLA FRANCIS MERCHANT b.May 18,1923 at Woodville,N.H.

CHILD b DONALD RAYMOND MERCHANT (no data)

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

CHILD IX PERCY W.MERCHANT(1873-1937) & SARAH L.GOODWIN(-1960)

CHILD A RAYMOND P.MERCHANT(1896-1965) & KATHERINE MAGUIRE(no data) 2nd m.

Raymond and his second wife,Katherine Maguire begot;

CHILD c SARAH JANE MERCHANT (no data) Is married with children.

CHILD d ROBERT M.MERCHANT (no data) Is married with children.

CHILD B LOIS RACHEL MERCHANT b.Jan.4,1899 m.May 21,1921 Harlan Wonson Dann son of Dexter Dann and Anna May Wonson.Rachel d.March 18,1976 age 78y.2m. 14d. Harlan was b.Aug.27,1893 and d.July 8,1979 at age 85y.10m.12d. This marriage of Harlan Dann and Rachel Merchant ended in divorce sometime before 1943 as in that year on Jan.23,Harlan married Rachel's second cousin,Priscilla Merchant,who had been previously been married to S.Emerson Laurie. Priscilla also had divorced so this was the second marriage for them both.This marriage also ended in divorce.Harlan had no children from either marriage but Priscilla did have children from her first husband and will be recorded in the Gorham A. Merchant chapter,Chapter 7.

CHILD C RUSSELL CARLTON MERCHANT b.May 9,1901 m.Oct.12,1926 Helen Gould in Marblehead,Mass. She was b.April 7,1904 and is a descendant of the famous Jay Gould and dau. of ------ Gould and Margeret Dempsey. This couple are still living and reside at 15 Plum Street,East Gloucester.

In a letter to F.R.M.,Russell writes;

> "I retired from the Gloucester National Bank on July 26,1966 after 40 years of service as "assistent cashier" I am feeling good at 83,my wife will be 81 on April 7."

Russell Merchant and his wife,Helen Gould,apparently begot but two children;

CHILD a RICHARD MERCHANT b.Jan.27,1928 m.Oct.11,1968 Carol Thompson in Uraguary,So.America. They have no children (to late for the stock).He is retired from the government and is now living in Pigeon Cove.

CHILD b MERCHANT daughter No name or data on her but she married Harold Somers in Washington,D.C. They have 7 children but no data so will list them arbitrarily;

CHILD b 1 ELIZABETH SOMERS

CHILD b 2 HELEN SOMERS

CHILD b 3 MICHAEL SOMERS

CHILD b 4 MARTIN SOMERS

CHILD b 5 MATTHEW SOMERS

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CHILD IX PERCY W.MERCHANT(1873-1937) & SARAH L.GOODWIN(-1960)

CHILD C RUSSELL C.MERCHANT(1901-) & HELEN GOULD(1904-)

Their second child listed as child b Merchant (daughter) as we have no name or data on her.We have listed 5 of her children,we have 2 more;

CHILD b 6 AMY SOMERS

CHILD b 7 JOHN SOMERS b.Aug.27,1965.(His gr.uncle,Raymond died the same day,see page 241.)

Below are some extracts of letters written by Russell C.Merchant to F.R.M. dated 1980-1981.

"We are related,my great grandparents were George Merchant Sr. who married Lucy Norwood.They had 13 children,one of whom was Gorham Alfred Merchant b.Nov.21,1850,m.July 14,1871 and d.Dec. 27,1897,buried at Oak Grove.Spouse,Mary Elizabeth Thurston.

One other of his sons was George Merchant Jr.,my grandfather, who married Mary Douglass,they had 9 children,one of whom was my father,Percy W.Merchant,who lived at 35 East Main Street."

"Most of my grandfathers children lived in the vicinity of "Point Hill" on East Main Street,including Mary Jane,Robert, Joseph,Percy.Also Laura Jane Merchant,31 East Main Street,my great aunt who was a sister to Gorham (your great great aunt).

It seems to me I remember your grandfather,Frank,as living in the vicinity of Point Hill."

"From the number of children our grandfathers had,there is a hell of lot of Merchants and relatives around."

"But I have some good news for you.I visited my cousin in Danvers yesterday,who is a great great grandson of George Merchant Sr. and he had some copies made of your letters as he is quite interested in genealogy as was his father and my uncle before him.

He has files that go way back on the Merchant clan,has not worked on Gorham as yet.All the material I have except a small portion was supplied by him.He is a retired pharmasist and spends a lot of his time on his ancestors.

He is going on a months vacation visiting his sons,who live out west,but will get in touch with you when he gets back."

Your distant cousin,

Russell Merchant

Left
Orlando Merchant (1856-1930)
"A junior member of the firm of
Wm.H.Jordan & Co."

Right
Percy W.Merchant (1873-1937)
A brother to Orlando

Left

Emily C.Merchant (1845-1923)
(wife of Abraham Tarr)

"Aunt Em,as she was known,raised her brothers children as well as her own."

Right
Russell C.Merchant (1901-
and his wife Helen (1904-

"It was this kind and thoughtful man who took the time to write and inform me of R.D.M.s work."

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CHILD NO.2.GEORGE MERCHANT JR.(1828-1906) & MARY DOUGLASS(1832-1923)

CHILD IX PERCY W.MERCHANT(1873-1937) & SARAH L.GOODWIN(-1960)

CHILD D PERCY WASHBURN MERCHANT b.Nov.26,1903 m.July 3,1925 Alice Carlson. No data on Alice or other information.Percy was in the florist business for many years and operated a greenhouse and sold flowers wholesale and retail. In 1979,this couple living in California. Percy d.June 27,1982 at Coranado, California.He was age 78y.7m.1d. Percy and his wife Alice Carlson begot one child;

CHILD a CHARLOTTE MERCHANT (no data)

This thus ends the records on George Merchant Jr. and his descendants.He was the 2nd child of George Merchant and Lucy Norwood.We will proceed to;

CHILD NO.3.SARAH ELLERY MERCHANT b.Nov.18,1829 and d.Sept.1,1912 age 82y.9m.14d. She m.Jan.3,1848 Solomon Rowe son of Benjamin Rowe and Dolly Perkins.He was b.Oct.14,1826 and d.Jan.26,1917 age 89y.3m.19d.Solomon was a mariner.

G.E.M. writes: "The husband was a descendant of John Rowe,who as Babson the historian tells was much disturbed in his mind during the early history of the town;so much so that in 1656 he was presented at the Quarterly Court, "for saying,if his wife were of his mind he would set his house on fire and run away by ye light and ye devil should take ye family" and speaking the second time added "that he would live no longer among such a company of hell hounds." Notwithstanding the unfortunate light in which this settler was presented,he furnished a number of descendants who did valient service "in the times which tried mens souls",one of whom,John,was a captain at Bunker Hill.Solomon Rowe also was of a warlike spirit and in early in the stormy days of 1862,enlisted as a private in Co.K.30th Reg.Mass.Volinteers,for three years service.He was in the battle at Baton Rouge,Winchester,Cedar Creek,Fishers Hill,with ----- and the gallant Sheridans ----- and in one gunboat fight on the Zazoo River.He was promoted to be a Corporal in 1862 and resigned his warrant Aug.22,1863.He was detached for hospital service at Baton Rouge in 1864 and recieved an honorable discharge from the service in Jan.20,1865 at Opequam Crossing,Va."

The record states that on his enlistment (Jan.10,1862) he left a wife and six children.We have no data and so do not know the order of birth of the children,will list them arbritrarily;

CHILD I MARY C.ROWE (no data) more p.246

CHILD II WILLIAM A.ROWE Living in Gloucester in 1909 from anniversary clipp.

CHILD III LUCY M.ROWE She married Frank B.Colby and living at Cambridge,Mass. in 1909.

CHILD IV JENNIE ROWE she married ---- Smothers,also living at Cambridge,Mass. in 1909.

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CHILD NO.3.SARAH E.MERCHANT(1829-1912) & SOLOMON ROWE(1826-1917)

We have listed 4 of their children,there are 2 more but have no names,we will list them as;

CHILD V and CHILD VI Rowe children but not identified.

Sarah and her husband,Solomon Rowe observed their 61st wedding annerversary, clipping dated Jan.7,1909.

BEEN MARRIED SIXTY-ONE YEARS

CAPT. AND MRS.SOLOMON ROWE CELEBRATED EVENT MONDAY

It is not a frequent happening that married couples live together to attain 61 years of wedded life,but such is that record of Capt.and Mrs.Solomon Rowe,residing at 9 Herrick Court, who on Monday observed the happy event.

Few persons are better known today in Gloucester than Capt. Rowe,who is one of the old timers of the Gloucester fishermen. He is a native of this city,his parents being Benjamin and Dolly (Perkins) Rowe,and if he lives till October 11 next will be 82 years of age.On January 4,1848,he married Sarah E.Marchant, the ceremony being performed by Rev.Daniel D.Smith,and they have always lived in this city.His wife is two years his junior and will be 80 on November 18.

Mr.Rowe when a boy of seven years made his first trip to the Bay,hooking and from that time on,toiled on the sea,and following the fisheries in all its branches with great success.Later he took command of several well known crafts of the day,his last being in the schooner Fleetwing,some 29 years ago.

Then he started in boat fishing,which he followed up to four or five years ago,when he retired from the water,although still maintaining a deep interest in vessels,boats and other sailing crafts.

He has built several boats,and although the sight of one eye is very poor,he commenced on one of the latest type of gasoline crafts last summer,on which he has worked at various intervals since.The boat is nearly completed and well designed and built,and would be a credit to any builder many years younger.

In 1861 when President Lincoln sent out the call for volunteers to suppress the cival war,Capt.Rowe and others,one November day,decided to enlist and visited the recruiting office on Main Street near the Olympia theater and after passing the necessary examinations,was mustered into the service.The next day,Capt. Rowe left home,wife and six children to fight for the Union, and was a member of Co.K.30th Massachusetts Volunteers,which company Capt.Jeremiah R.Cook commanded.

The regiment was despatched directly to the South and at Baton Rouge,Capt.Rowe recieved a bullet in the right leg.This laid him up for a short time,but he later rejoined his company and took part in many engagements,some of which were of the

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CHILD NO.3.SARAH E.MERCHANT(1829-1912) & SOLOMON ROWE(1826-1917)

Newspaper clipping on their 61st wedding annerversary continued;

> war's most noted including the siege of Port Hudson,Battle of New Orleans,Fort Jackson,Shenandoah Valley,Donaldsville,first siege of Vicksburg,Cedar Creek and skirmishes along the Mississippi River.He served his entire enlistment of three years and three months with great credit afterwards,and after returning home again engaged in the fisheries.
>
> Capt. and Mrs.Rowe have four children living,Mrs.Mary C., wife of Lemuel Friend,and William A.Rowe of this city,Lucy M., wife of Frank B.Colby of Cambridge,and Mrs.Jennie Smothers of Cambridge,besides 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.
>
> The couple are hale and hearty in their advanced age and enjoy exceptionally good health.Mr.Rowe has been bothered many years with trouble to his eyes but otherwise is able to be about and takes enjoyment in calling on his many friends,young as well as old acquaintances to discuss the occurrences of the day.

We have very little history on the children of the above couple (pages 244-245) but have some additional on child I Mary.

CHILD I MARY C.ROWE (no data) This daughter married Lemuel Friend and begot a daughter;

CHILD A EVA FRIEND (no data) She married F.W.Sylvester and begot a dau.;

CHILD a MARY ELLA SYLVESTER b.April 12,1897 and d.June 29,1985 at age 88y.2m.17d. She is the two months old child in the Five Generation picture, found in the earlier part of this chapter.This third cousin married Lyman H. Lane.Her obituary follows;

MARY E.LANE,88

> Mary E. "Molly" (Sylvester) Lane,88,wife of the late Lyman H.Lane,of 19 Gee Ave.,died Saturday evening in Greycliff at Cape Ann Nursing Home,following a long illness.
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> She was born in Gloucester,April 12,1897,daughter of the late Fred and Eva (Friend) Sylvester.
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> Mrs.Lane resided in Gloucester all her life.
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> She is survived by three first cousins,Dr.Charles Friend of Minnesota,William Friend of New Hampshire,and Richard Friend of Boston,and a third cousin,Faye MacDonald of Gloucester.
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> A graveside service will be held at the Wesleyan Cemetery Tuesday at 10 a.m. The Riverdale United Methodist Church will officiate.
>
> Memorial contributions may be made to the Riverdale United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.
>
> Funeral arrangements are by the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle St.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.4.JULIA ANN MERCHANT b.July 16,1832 (7.8.18) and not July 15,as given in the Vit.Rec. She d.Aug.20,1891 at age 59y.1m.4d. Julia m.Sept.6,1850 (Int.) (8.41 9.24) William Rittal (age 22) of Dresden,Maine.He was b.Abt.1827-8 and was the son of James Rittal and Betsey ----.G.E.M. has the following story on him; "While yet in his young manhood,the husband found a watery grave on Georges stormy banks,being one of the crew of the ill fated schooner C.E. Parkhurst which was lost in Feb.or March of 1852,with none left to tell the tale."

Julia Ann Merchant,now Rittal,married second on May 20,1854 (Int.8.68 10.23) Thomas Henry Martin.He was b.Jan.11,1833 and d.Dec.7,1901 age 68y.10m.27d.

Julia Ann Merchant from her first marriage to William Rittal begot;

CHILD I WILLIAM RITTAL b.Dec.30,1850 and d.Dec.18,1852 at age 1y.11m.18d.

CHILD II WILLIAM RITTAL b.Aug.15,1852 more p.248

Julia Ann Merchant from her second marriage to Thomas H.Martin begot;

CHILD III ALICE ELIZABETH MARTIN b.Feb.24,1855 and d.Sept.3,1857

CHILD IV HELEN FRANCES MARTIN b.Jan.4,1857 more p.248

CHILD V THOMAS EDWIN MARTIN b.Oct.25,1859 and was living Oct.27,1927

CHILD VI SIDNEY FRANKLIN MARTIN b.Aug.15,1862 and was alive in 1927.He m. July 28,1885 Ada Bell Cole.She was b.1867 (age 18 at marriage) and was dau. of Enos Cole and Ellen H.Gray of Deer Island,Maine.

CHILD VII JULIA CLIFFORD MARTIN b.Jan.15,1865 and d.May 31,1868.

CHILD VIII ADDISON MARTIN b.April 11,1867 and d.April 22,1867.

CHILD IX FLORA ESTELLE MARTIN b.May 9,1871 And according to her sister's obituary was alive and married to Augustus Hobart in 1927.

CHILD X JOSEPH ALBERT MARTIN b.June 2,1873 and also alive in 1927.

The obituary of Julia Ann follows;

OBITUARY

"Died,from the effects of a paralytic shock,Aug.20,1891, Mrs.Julia Ann,wife of Thomas H.Martin,aged 59 years,1 month, 4 days."

This was the brief announcement sent out yesterday,but what a burden of sorrow it carried to relatives,friends and acquaintances of the deceased.Mrs.Martin was the daughter of George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant,born July 16,1832,being the fourth in a family of thirteen children,constituting a circle which has been broken by death but four times,mother and two sisters,

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.4.JULIA ANN MERCHANT(1832-1891) & WILLIAM RITTAL(1827-1852) 1st m.

The obituary of Julia Ann continues;

> having preceded her to the home beyond the tide.She married in 1850,William Rittal,of Dresden,Maine,to whom she bore two sons, but one of whom lived to reach man's estate,William,who died in 1878.The husband was lost on Georges stormy banks in February or March,1852,being one of the crew of the ill-fated schooner C.E.Parkhurst,which is supposed to have foundered with all on board.The wife married second in 1854,Thomas H.Martin,by whom she has born eight children,five of whom live to mourn a mother's loss.Quiet and unassuming she counted her duty to her family done only when it was well done.Mrs.Martin's ancestry leads back to Jabez Merchant,who settled on the Cape and married Mary Butman Babson in 1721,and on the side of this wife can be traced to the Rev.John Robinson of Leyden,the father of the Pilgrim Colony.The funeral will occur on Saturday,the body being laid to rest at Oak Grove.

We have some additional information on two of her children,one from her first husband and one from her second;

CHILD II WILLIAM RITTAL b.Aug.15,1852. This second William born four months before the death of the first child William and about five months after the father's death at sea.This second William d.April 17,1878 age 25 of consumption. He married Nov.30,1875 (12.45) Emma Hubbard.She was b.Dec.22,1855 and was dau. of William and Abigail (Lufkin).She died of consumption also,Nov.29,1878,a few short months after the death of her husband.No children of this marriage recorded.

CHILD IV HELEN FRANCIS MARTIN b.Jan.4,1857 and d.Oct.27,1927.She m.April 28, 1881 Owin Augustus Whitten "age 28".He was b.Abt.1854 and was son of William A. Whitten and Mary E.Dunton of Westport,Maine. G.E.M. records him as a successful mariner.His wife's obituary records him alive in 1927 and notes an unmarried daughter.

CHILD A ETHEL WHITTEN (No data but living in 1927)

MRS.OWEN A.WHITTEN

> Mrs.Helen Whitten,wife of Owen A.Whitten,passed away yesterday afternoon at the Addison Gilbert Hospital at the age of 70 years after having been in failing health for several years.
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> She was a native of this city,being the daughter of the late Thomas and Julia (Merchant) Martin,also of this city.She had resided here all her life and was a quiet - living woman. She was a good wife and mother and loved her home and will be missed by all those who knew her.
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> Mrs.Whitten leaves to mourn her loss,her husband,Owen A. Whitten and one daughter,Ethel Whitten,also a sister,Mrs.Augustus

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.4.JULIA ANN MERCHANT(1832-1891) & WILLIAM RITTAL(1827-1852) 1st m.

CHILD IV HELEN F.MARTIN(1857-1927) & OWIN A.WHITTEN(1854-)

Child IV above was Julia's daughter from her second marriage to Thomas Martin, her obituary continues;

> Hobart and three brothers,Thomas,Sidney and Albert Martin,all of this city.
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> WHITTEN - In this city,October 27,at the Addison Gilbert Hospital Mrs.Helen F.Whitten (Martin) wife of Owen A.Whitten,70 years. Funeral services at the home of her sister,Mrs.Augustus Hobart, 13 Staten Street,Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD NO.5.MARY ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Feb.20,1834 and d.May 7,1910 age 76y. 2m.18d. She m.June 29,1858 Elisha Lufkin.He was b.Dec.17,1836 and d.Dec.17,1903 (67th birthday) of "heart trouble".Elisha was the son of Samuel Lufkin and Jane Davis Bean.This couple begot the following children;

CHILD I ELISHA LUFKIN b.March 20,1860 and d.Aug.2,1860.

CHILD II HERBERT LUFKIN b.Aug.21,1861 and d.Sept.1,1861.

CHILD III LAURA ALICE LUFKIN b.Sept.13,1863 and d.Aug.3,1864.

CHILD IV MARY ELIZABETH LUFKIN (a twin) b.Aug.10,1865 more p.250

CHILD V BESSIE LUFKIN (a twin) b.Aug.10,1865 and d.Aug.25,1865.

CHILD VI LUCY JANE LUFKIN b.July 26,1868 and d.Dec.17,1899.She married Benjamin Colby (no data) who was son of Samuel Colby and Margaret Marston. M.E.L. writes that Lucy and Benjamin had one son who died an infant.The initials M.E.L. refers to Margaret Eleanor LaFond of 3 Amero Ct.Gloucester.She is the dau. of child IV Mary E.Lufkin (above) by her second marriage.

OLD RESIDENT DEAD

MRS.MARY E.LUFKIN PASSED AWAY AT AGE OF 76 YEARS

> Mrs.Mary E.Lufkin,widow of Elisha Lufkin,died at the home of her daughter,Mrs.George R.Deveau,5 Amero Court,this morning after an extended period of illness in the 76th year of her age.
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> She was a native of this city,being the daughter and one of the 13 children of George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant and had lived in this city all her life and was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends.
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> She was the 7th of the family to pass away,the surviving members of the family being Albion H.Merchant,Mrs.Sarah E.Rowe, Mrs.Miranda Jackman,Mrs.Emily C.Tarr and Mrs.Laura J.McIntire.
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> The funeral will be held from the home of her daughter,5

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.5.MARY E.MERCHANT(1834-1910) & ELISHA LUFKIN(1836-1903)

Her obituary continues;

Amero Court,Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MRS.LUFKIN'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs.Mary E.Lufkin,widow of Elisha Lufkin, was held from the home of her daughter,Mrs.George R.Deveau,5 Amero Court,yesterday afternoon.Services were conducted by Rev. Denton J.Neily,and were attended by a large circle of friends of the deceased.The burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

CHILD IV MARY ELIZABETH LUFKIN b.Aug.10,1865 This surviving twin who was nursed by Mary Douglass (see page 220) married twice.She married first April 19, 1886 Jacob Tian.He was b.---- and d.1890 (M.E.L.) he was son of Jacob Tian and Margaret Luggate,both of Austria.Jacob Tian Sr. died at Gloucester June 24, 1887. Mary Elizabeth married second,George Deveau on Oct.2,1904.He was son of Samuel Deveau and Margaret Tebeau.George was b.1853 and d.1927. Mary d.1954.

By her first marriage,Mary Elizabeth Lufkin and Jacob Tian begot;

CHILD A PEARL TIAN (died at the age of six years) M.E.L.

CHILD B ELIZABETH EDNA TIAN b.March 1,1889 more below

By her second marriage,Mary Elizabeth Lufkin,now Tian,and George Deveau begot;

CHILD C MARGARET ELEANOR DEVEAU b.1909. She m.1926 John Randolph LaFond and writes that she has three children,twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren in July of 1979.

Now we shall return to child B above;

CHILD B ELIZABETH EDNA TIAN b.March 1,1889 and d.Jan.11,1919 age 29y.10m. 10d. M.E.L. states that she m.1907 Arthur J.Dorley of Gloucester and begot two children;

CHILD a WILFORD BURDEN DORLEY b.1907 married and begot;

CHILD a 1 LINDA DORLEY (no data)

CHILD b MILDRED ELIZABETH DORLEY b.1917 and married Gordon Townsend and has four children. (M.E.L.)

The obituary of Elizabeth E.Tian,wife of Arthur J.Dorley;

MRS.ARTHUR J.DORLEY SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA

The death of Mrs.Elizabeth Edna (Tian),wife of Arthur Joseph Dorley has cast a deep shadow of gloom over the community,this

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.5.MARY E.MERCHANT(1834-1910) & ELISHA LUFKIN(1836-1903)

CHILD IV MARY E.LUFKIN(1865-1954) & JACOB TIAN(-1890) 1st m.

CHILD B ELIZABETH E.TIAN(1889-1919) & ARTHUR J.DORLEY(No data)

Her obituary continues;

young woman having been ill only about a week with Spanish influenza and she passed away on Saturday afternoon about 1:45 o'clock at her home,28 East Main Street.

The deceased was born in East Gloucester,her parents being the late Jacob Tian and Mrs.Elizabeth (Lufkin) Tian-Deveau,the latter now being the wife of George R.Deveau.She was a bright young woman,highly esteemed by all who knew her.She attended the public schools of the city and was married in 1907 to Arthur J.Dorley of this city.

She leaves besides her husband,two children,a little son, Wilfred Burden and a little daughter,Mildred Elizabeth Dorley. She also leaves her mother and step father,Mr. and Mrs.George R.Deveau,a step-sister,Mrs.John Galway of Boston and a step-brother,Ira Deveau of the 328th Infantry,now in France,and a half sister,Eleanor.The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock,from her late home,28 East Main Street,and the interment will be in the new family lot in the West Gloucester Cemetery,a place where she chose to be laid at rest.

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CHILD NO.6.SIDNEY MERCHANT b.April 18,1837 and d.Dec.25,1909 at the Mass. General Hospital,age 72y.8m.7d. He m.Oct.16,1858 Eunice Elizabeth Martin.She was b.Sept.20,1835 and was dau. of Thomas Martin and Eunice Smith.They had but one child who died in infancy,the mother dying about four years before her husband.

The obituary of Sidney Merchant follows;

SIDNEY MERCHANT DIED AT BOSTON

WAS DESCENDANT OF FIRST OF THE NAME IN GLOUCESTER

Sidney Merchant,a native of this city,died at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Christmass day in the 73rd year of his age.

He was born in this city April 18,1837,being one of the 13 children of George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant.He married Miss Eunice Elizabeth,daughter of Thomas and Eunice (Smith) Martin, who died about four years ago,the couple having one child,who died in infancy.

He followed the fisheries in early life,and went to Wakefield in the early seventies and established himself in the painting business,which he continued up to the time of his death.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.6.SIDNEY MERCHANT(1837-1909) & EUNICE E.MARTIN(1835-)

His obituary continues;

He was the 6th of 13 brothers and sisters to die,the survivors being Albion H.Merchant,Edwin Merchant,Mrs.Sarah E.Rowe, Mrs.Mary E.Lufkin,Mrs.Miranda Jackman,Mrs.Emily C.Tarr,and Mrs. Laura J.McIntire.

He was an uncle of Alderman George E.Merchant.

Mr.Merchant dated his ancestry from Jabez Merchant,the first of the name in Gloucester,who came with his brother,Ebenezer from Yarmouth about 1721.Back of that date was John (Marchant) of Braintree,1636,and still further back the name has been traced by his nephew,George E.,to old Gloucester,England,in 1220.On the maternal side,from the wife of Jabez,Mary Butman Babson,he was descended from John Robinson,the "father" of the Pilgrim Colony.

His great-grandfather was William,one of the grandsons of Jabez,the original settler,who was a lieutenant of a military company in the revolution,and the town record shows that he advanced money to pay for the services of one of the three months companies who fought at Bunker Hill.

William's son Epes and two other brothers served as coast guards,patrolling the coast from Eastern Point to Rockport during the war of 1812,one being captain of the Eastward Company.

William,the grandson of Jabez,and four sons came from Pigeon Cove and settled at the head of the harbor,socalled,and were pioneers in the fishing business in that section.(It was Hannah his wife,and her four sons that moved to Gloucester,after the death of William.) The original site of their fish place is that formerly occupied by the warehouses of Shute & Merchant.

His body will be brought to this city for burial.

SIDNEY MERCHANT'S FUNERAL

The funeral services of the late Sidney Merchant will be held at the Bradford Memorial Chapel,at Oak Grove Cemetery, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dec.29,1909

CHILD NO.7.MIRANDA MERCHANT b.Feb.15,1839 and d.March 6,1921 age 82y.0m.22d. She m.Feb.22,1862 Charles H.Jackman,son of Andrew Jackman and Anna Emmy Hendy of the Isle of Wight.He was b.April 13,1841 and d.Dec.14,1916. G.E.M. notes: "Charles is a well known Master Mariner". There were three children begotten by this marriage and apparently the 4th was adopted.

CHILD I EMMA E.JACKMAN b.Dec.17,1864 more p.254

CHILD II EDITH JACKMAN (no data) more p.254

CHILD III CHARLES H.JACKMAN JR. b.Aug.20,1869 more p.254

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CHILD NO.7.MIRANDA MERCHANT(1839-1921) & CHARLES H.JACKMAN(1841-1916)

We have listed 3 children of the above couple,the 4th is a question;

CHILD IV CARRIE MAY JACKMAN (no data) In her mother's obituary,she is listed as the fourth child and as the third daughter.In her brother's obituary,Charles Jr.,she is listed as an adopted sister. She married Albert E.Dickerson and was alive in 1924.

The obituary of Miranda Merchant ,wife of Charles Jackman.

LIVED TO RIPE OLD AGE

MRS.MIRANDA S.JACKMAN DEAD AT EAST GLOUCESTER

AT AGE OF 82 YEARS.

Mrs.Miranda Smith (Merchant) Jackman,widow of Capt.Charles H.Jackman,one of the oldest residents of East Gloucester,passed away yesterday at the home of her daughter,Mrs.John A.Dedcovitch, at the advanced age of 82 years and 19 days,after a short illness from causes incident to her advanced age.

She was a native of this city,her parents being George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant,and was born February 15,1839.At that time what is now East Gloucester was only a territory of wild land,known as the "great pasture",with a fringe of straggling houses along the edge of the harbor,and she lived to see the territory developed into one of the most thickly settled sections of the city and one of the most beautiful summer residential localities on the New England coast.

She was a woman of home-loving disposition,devoted to the interests of her family,but enjoyed the acquaince of a large circle of friends who held her in high esteem.

She was an attendant at the Independant Christian Universalist Church.

Her husband passed away December 14,1916,and she has since made her home with her daughter,Mrs.Dedcovitch.

She is survived by one son,Charles H.Jackman of Cambridge, and three daughters,Mrs.Emma E.Trohon of Cambridge,Mrs.Edith B.,wife of John A.Dedcovitch of East Gloucester and Mrs.Carrie May,wife of A.E.Dickerson of the city proper.She also leaves one brother,Albion H.Merchant,and two sisters,Mrs.Emily Tarr and Mrs.Laura McIntire of East Gloucester;five grandchildren, Herbert W,Jr.,and Viola Trohon of Cambridge and Newell S.Dedcovitch,Dorothy and Russell Dickerson of this city,and two great grandchildren,Ralph A.,and Margaret M.Dedcovitch.

Her funeral will take place from the home of her daughter, Mrs.John A.Dedcovitch,285 East Main Streeet on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.7.MIRANDA MERCHANT(1839-1921) & CHARLES H.JACKMAN(1841-1916)

CHILD I EMMA E.JACKMAN b.Dec.17,1864 and was living in 1924 (mother's obit.) She married Robert W.Trohon and begot;

CHILD A HERBERT W.TROHON (no data)

CHILD B VIOLA TROHON (no data) Was unmarried and living in Cambridge in 1924.

CHILD II EDITH JACKMAN (G.E.M. lists no data) She married John A.Dedcovitch and begot;

CHILD A NEWELL S.DEDCOVITCH (no data) Married and begot;

CHILD a RALPH A.DEDCOVITCH (no data)

CHILD b MARGARET M.DEDCOVITCH (no data)

CHILD III CHARLES H.JACKMAN JR. b.Aug.20,1869 if the math on his death notice is correct.His obituary makes no mention of a wife or children and is recorded as living in Arlington for many years.He was connected with the Library Bureau at Cambridge and died at the home of his sister,Emma.He d.June 7,1924)

LATE CHARLES H.JACKMAN BORN IN THIS CITY

Charles H.Jackman,Jr.,a former well known resident and native of this city,died at the home of his sister,Mrs.Emma Trohon, in Arlington on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock,at the age of 54 years.His illness covers a period of about four months,and he has been a patient and long sufferer.

He was the son of the late Captain Charles H. and Miranda S. (Marchant) Jackman and was born here on August 20.He was educated in the public schools of Gloucester.

For many years he has been connected with the Library Bureau at Cambridge,and has been making his home in Arlington.He was quiet,unassuming and always thoughtful of others.He was a member of the third Universalist Society of Cambridge,of which Rev. Lucius R.Paige is pastor.He was a regular attendant and an active member and usher in the church.

He is survived by two sisters,Mrs.John A.Dedcovitch of East Gloucester and Mrs.Emma Trohon of Arlington and an adopted sister Mrs.Albert E.Dickerson of this city,also by two nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Arlington this afternoon. The body will be brought here and services will be held at the home of his sister,Mrs.John A.Dedcovitch,285 East Main Street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.Rev.Lucius R.Paige will officiate. Friends are invited.Burial will be in the family lot at Cherry Hill Cemetery. (June 9,1924)

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT b.April 1,1842 and d.Aug.5,1914 of "chronic cystitis" age 72y.4m.4d. He m.Jan.16,1862 Augusta Watson Pew (first marriage).Augusta was b.Oct.4,1843,the dau. of Joseph W.Pew and Tammy Turner,d.July 19,1872 age 28y. 9m.15d. Edwin m.Aug.12,1880 (2nd marriage) Alice (White) Gorman.She was b.1854, and was widow of ----- Gorman of Gloucester.Gorman was lost at sea sometime prior to this marriage.Alice was born Alice White and was the dau. of Thomas White and Mary Cleary of Guysboro ,Nova Scotia.Alice was buried Sept.27,1932 so was about age 79y.

(R.D.M. writting July 1,1981) "Edwin was born on April 1st and his birth was registered as April 2nd to avoid having an "April Fool" child.In regards to his death date,G.E.M. notes,Edwin d.Aug.5,1914 and not Aug.1 as City Hall has it recorded.

G.E.M. supplies the following in his notes;"Edwin Merchant began life as a fisherman.While yet under twenty years of age he enlisted (Jan.10,1862) as a private for three years service,in the 30th Reg.Co.K.Mass.Vol.Militia,and was in engagements at Baton Rouge,La. under General Williams.He was discharged from the service Aug.22,1863 for disability." G.E.M. adds "His own testimony".

Edwin Merchant from his first marriage to Augusta Pew begot;

CHILD I CLARA AUGUSTA MERCHANT b.Oct.25,1864 and m.Dec.3,1885 Anderson McDonald of Rockport,son of Thomas McDonald and Martha Anderson of Nova Scotia.

CHILD II ANNIE ELIZABETH MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1865 and m.Sept.3,1881 Charles S. Robinson of Stoneham.

CHILD III LAURA ALICE MERCHANT b.Dec.13,1867 and m.June 1,1890 Samuel Day. Samuel Day was b.1869 and was son of Charles Day and Abbie Grover.

CHILD IV JOSEPH EDWIN MERCHANT b.Nov.26,1870 and who had his name changed on July 6,1880 to Joseph Edwin Palmer. G.E.M. gives no explanation why,and by whom, this nine year old child's name was changed to Palmer.

F.R.M. writes in Jan.12,1986; "Apparently our Joseph (above) was adopted and I find the issue most distressing.I do not believe in adoption as it gives a child a false idenity.Any couple taking in a child and thus bringing such child up,could well recieve "guardian rights" but the family name should never be changed,legal or otherwise.Our family name is ourselves,it represents our soul it is our idenity.Is it not commanded to "Honour thy father and thy mother"? How is it possible to honour our father and reject his name? If we reject our family name,are we changed? No! We continue to be the same soul,we would only be decieving ourselves or be decieved by others.Our destiny can not be changed.

If our records are correct and this young man grew up and begot sons,a family line would exist under a false idenity.For in truth they would be of the "seed" of Jabez and never know about it.

Edwin's marriage to Augusta was terminated by the death of Augusta less than two years after the birth of this last child and he was a widower with daughters ages,7,5,4,and a son less than 2.Eight years later Edwin married a widow age 26.

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CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

Edwin Merchant from his second marriage to Alice White begot; (see also p.412)

CHILD V DAVID SHERMAN MERCHANT b.1874 more below

CHILD VI FOREST EDWIN MERCHANT b.March 16,1881 more p.258

CHILD VII ALICE MAY MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1882 more p.259

CHILD VIII EVERETT RAY MERCHANT b.Jan.20,1884 more p.260

CHILD IX EMMA WINSOR MERCHANT b.May 8,1887 more p.261

CHILD X SUMNER QUIMBY MERCHANT b.Oct.24,1893 more p.261

CHILD XI HARRY A.MERCHANT (no data) This son is not recorded by G.E.M. or the record missing.The obituary of Sumner Q. mentions 4 brothers and 2 sisters, and the obituary of Forest E. mentions a brother,Harry A. of Quincy.

FUNERAL OF EDWIN MERCHANT

HELD AT HIS LATE HOME ON MAIN STREET YESTERDAY

AFTERNOON

The funeral services of Edwin Merchant,who died at his home Wednesday,were held yesterday afternoon at 296 Main Street,at 2 o'clock,Rev.Charles H.Williams,Ph.D.,pastor of Trinity Congregational Church,officiating.

There was a large gathering of friends and relatives,and there were many beautiful floral tributes.Mrs.Chariton H.Parsons sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", and "Abide With Me".

The pall bearers were David S.Merchant,Harry A.Merchant, Forest E.Merchant,and Rutherford H.Merchant.Internment was in the family lot at Oak Grove Cemetery. (Buried in lot # 277)

Aug.8,1914

CHILD V DAVID SHERMAN MERCHANT b.1874 and m.Dec.25,1902 Grace Osborn Tarr, dau. of Josiah W.Mayo and Mary A.Smith and widow of Leander Gould Tarr.David was age 28 and she age 30 at marriage.Grace was b.Aug.2,1872 and d.Feb.20,1958 at age 85y.6m.18d. We have no death date for David S. but was buried March 25, 1932 at Oak Grove Cemetery in lot # 1082.He thus would be about 58y. of age. David married the second time Eva A.Lane,about 1924.She was dau. of Elijah Smith and ---- and was widow of Louis Lane.Her obituary shows her death in Philadelphia on April 3,1925 and her funeral at Gloucester.David and Eva Lane had no children.

David S.Merchant and Grace O.Tarr (1st m.) begot one child and one was adopted.

CHILD A EARL GREENHALGE TARR MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1903 more p.257B

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD V DAVID S.MERCHANT(1874-1932) & GRACE O.TARR(1872-1958)

CHILD B HUGH DENNIN MERCHANT b.June 3,1913 (adopted) more p.258

(F.R.M.) writes: "If our records are correct,David S. was born six years before his parents (Edwin and Alice) were married.This observation is made because our first historian (G.E.M.) wrote: "David S. had his name changed to Merchant when about to marry Grace O.Tarr." His father Edwin apparently neglected to get his name changed and therefor we see David as a sensitive lad,a loyal son to his father and a proud descendant of Jabez Merchant.What other reason could be given for him to change his name just before marriage, and at the age of 28?"

Below the obituary of Eva A.Lane,the second wife of David S.Merchant;

MERCHANT - In Philadelphia,Pa.,April 3,Mrs.Eva A.Lane,wife of D.Sherman Merchant,formerly of Gloucester.Funeral services at the Lanesville Congregational Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF MRS.EVA.A.LANE MERCHANT

Funeral services of the late Mrs.Eva A.Merchant,wife of D.Sherman Merchant,formerly of Gloucester,were held in Lanesville Congregational Church,yesterday afternoon.

Rev.Herman F.Lion was the officiating clergyman,in the same church she joined by profession of faith on May 6,1900,under the ministration of the late Rev.Frank H.Reed.Many friends attended the service and among them were people from Gloucester, Pigeon Cove and Rockport.

There was a profusion of beautiful flowers at the funeral. Interment was in Langsford Street Cemetery and the pall bearers were relatives,including her sons,Guy Lane and Carl Lane of Philadelphia.

Mrs.Merchant was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.Elijah Smith and a sister of the Rev.Daniel E.Smith.The family owned and occupied the residence,1102 Washington Street for many years.

The deceased was married over a year ago to D.Sherman Merchant. Her first husband,Louis Lane,passed away a number of years ago.

April 8,1925

The obituary of David S.Merchant follows;

D.SHERMAN MERCHANT

D.Sherman Merchant,oldest son of Mrs.Alice (White) and the late Edwin Merchant of this city,died suddenly at the home of his sister,Mrs.Edwin A.Holmes in Danvers yesterday.He was 56 years,2 months old. (G.E.M.has him age 58)

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD V DAVID S.MERCHANT(1874-1932) & GRACE O.TARR(1872-1958)

His obituary continues;

Mr.Merchant was born in this city.He was a real estate agent. Besides his mother,he leaves a (son,Earl Tarr Merchant),three brothers,Harry Merchant of Boston,Forrest and Everett of this city,two sisters,Emma,wife of Edwin A.Holmes of Danvers,and May,wife of Capt.R.H.Marchant of Amsterdam,N.Y.

The deceased had been visiting his sister for a short time previous to his death.

(Note - It appears that David S.Merchant went by the name Sherman rather than the name of David,also seems to be a confusion on his age,(G.E.M.) has 58 and the Times as age 56.)

Date of above obituary March 24,1932

Below is the obituary of his first wife,Grace O.Tarr;

MRS.GRACE MERCHANT

Mrs.Grace Osborne Merchant,85,widow of the late D.Sherman Merchant died this morning at her home,19 Bass Avenue.

She was born in Rockport,August 2,1872,daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Smith) Mayo.

She worked as a bookkeeper in a Lynn book bindery and in Gloucester for Charles Steele,C.F.Tompkins and Max Alper.After the death of her first husband,she carried on his laundry and towel supply service for many years.Her crocheting and needle-work won many prizes at the Topsfield Fairs.

She was a member of the Seashore Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving are two sons,Atty.Earle Tarr Merchant of this city and Hugh D.Merchant of California;two daughters,Mildred W. wife of John A.Loring and Mrs.Velma Marden of Boston;and 11 grand-children.

The funeral will be held from her late home.Further details will be announced later.

Feb.20,1958

The funeral of Mrs.Grace Osborne Merchant,widow of Leander Tarr and D.Sherman Merchant,was held from her late home at 19 Bass Avenue at 2 o'clock Saturday.Rev.John G.Huchinson,the pastor of the First Baptist Church,officiated.

Friends and relatives from California,Boston and Cape Ann attended.

At 7:30 Friday evening,members of Seashore Rebekah Lodge held services,led by Miss Arlene Andrews,Mrs.Walter Allen,Mrs. Gladys Martin and Mrs.Helen Freitas.

Mrs.Ruth Everett Brown sang "Rock of Ages" and "Abide with Me".

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD V DAVID S.MERCHANT(1874-1932) & GRACE O.TARR(1872-1958)

The funeral of Grace (Tarr) Merchant continues;

> Interment was in the family lot in Beech grove Cemetery, Rockport.
> Pallbearers were Edward J.MacLeod,Daniel M.Blacke,John E. Landergren.

CHILD A EARLE GREENHALGE TARR MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1903 (never married) and is now living (Jan.1986).He resides at 19 Bass Avenue,Gloucester and is now semi-retired from his "law-practice".The Times,in a recent article,informs us that Earle is also an artist.In a letter to F.R.M.,(Oct.1984),he writes;

> "I never use the name (Greenhalge)." In summing up his career he continues: "Graduated from Gloucester High School in 1921,Boston University "Law" in 1924,was under 21 so had to wait until spring of 1925 to get degree and take Bar Exam.Attorney since 1925,Member of Massachusetts Courts,U.S.District Courts,U.S.Supreme Court.
> Belonged to several Fraternal groups,am semi-retired,now limited Law Practice in Estate Works and Wills only."
>
> EARLE T. MERCHANT

Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 277
Edwin Merchant is buried near this old monument.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD V DAVID S.MERCHANT(1874-1932) & GRACE O.TARR(1872-1958)

CHILD B HUGH DENNIN MERCHANT b.June 3,1913 as Hugh D.Allen and was adopted Dec.24,1917 and his name changed to Merchant.We find in the Times clipping below that Hugh is a retired police officer and lives in California;

> "Hugh Merchant Sr.,retired police officer from California and formerly of Gloucester,brother of Earle T.Merchant, lawyer and artist,has been spending the summer in Gloucester, playing with the Alumni Band.He will be going back home soon ----- "

To establish the parentage of Hugh D.,we will list the children of Grace O. Mayo and Leander Tarr.(Her 1st m.)

CHILD A RUTH MERLE TARR b.Sept.14,1892 and m.Oct.3,1911 to William Hewton Allen and begot two children;

CHILD a HUGH D.ALLEN b.June 3,1913 and was adopted by his grandmother (Grace T.Merchant) and became child B Hugh D.Merchant (above).

CHILD b CORINNE MERLE ALLEN b.Dec.1,1915 and is alive in Oct.1984.

CHILD B LINDER OSMAN TARR b.June 24,1895 and d.Aug.8,1895 age 1m.15d.

CHILD C MILDRED EVELYN TARR b.Sept.21,1896 and d.1976 age about 80.

CHILD D VELMA MAYO TARR b.Oct.12,1898 and d.1984 age about 86.

Much of the above information was recieved from Earle T.Merchant in a letter to F.R.M. By oversight the marriage and children of Hugh D. Merchant were omitted but will be found on page 412.

CHILD VI FOREST EDWIN MERCHANT b.March 16,1881 and d.July 4,1939.He m.June 24,1907 Dora M.Douglass.She was b.Abt.1882 (age 25 at marriage) and was dau.of Joseph G.Douglass and Viola Walen.She was buried April 14,1960,her age Abt.78. Both Forest and his wife Dora were buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery lot # 1082. This couple begot but one child as recorded;

CHILD A ORRIN L.MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1909 more p.259

FOREST E. MERCHANT

> Forest Edwin Merchant,who formerly conducted a house-to-house fish business,died suddenly yesterday at his home,90B Marble Road, East Gloucester,at the age of 57 years,3 months,17 days.
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> He was a native and lifelong resident,the son of Edwin and Alice (White) Merchant.Surviving are his wife,Mrs.Dora (Douglass) Merchant, and a son,Orrin L.Merchant and a grandchild; two sisters,Mrs.Alice M.Marchant and Mrs.Emma,wife of Edwin Holmes of Danvers;

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD VI FOREST E.MERCHANT(1881-1939) & DORA M.DOUGLASS(1882-1960)

His obituary continues;

> three brothers,Albert T. of this city,Harry A. of Quincy and Everett of Boston.
>
> The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at his late home,with cremation at Harmony Grove.

FUNERALS

FOREST E.MERCHANT

> The funeral of Forest Edwin Merchant was held yesterday afternoon at his home,90B Marble Road,with many friends and relatives present.Ralph M.Barker (Rev.) minister of the Community Church officiated.The pall bearers were Lawrence W.Brown,Orrin Douglass,Fred Douglass and Guy Wonson.Burial will take place in Oak Grove Cemetery after cremation at Salem.

CHILD A ORRIN L.MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1909 and d.1971.He married Marjorie Robinson dau. of Frank W.Robinson and Edith Wilson.Marjorie b.1909 and was living in 1981. They begot; (Buried in Beechbrook Cemetery)

CHILD a MERCHANT (child) Name and data not known but mentioned in Edwin's obituary as a grandchild living in 1939.

CHILD b LOIS MERCHANT b.1934 and d.1934.

We have a newspaper clipping below but not dated;

BOY COASTER SUSTAINED BROKEN LEG

> Orrin Merchant,the young son of Mr.and Mrs.Forest Merchant of Sayward Street,sustained a broken leg,recently,while coasting on Highland Street.The lad was walking up the hill,when another boy run into him with a sled,striking him a heavy blow on the leg.

CHILD VII ALICE MAY MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1882 and m.April 2,1912 Rutherford Hayes Marchant.Rutherford was b.Feb.7,1877 and was son of Jabez Merchant and Lucy Sargent (See Daniel Chapter for this history).We note that they begot two children,a stillborn child b.Feb.9,1913 and a son,Rutherford B.Merchant b.May 31,1918. (page 45) (Rutherford,the father,d.1937 and Alice d.1940)

A letter written by Marjorie Merchant (widow of Orrin L.Merchant) to F.R.M. dated June 1,1981, "Forest's sister (Alice) married Rutherford Marchant,and they had a son named Richard Marchant who is living still,but I do not have his address.I believe he moved to Florida since his retirement from the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries.He is still listed in the Gloucester phone book at Woodward Ave.in West Gloucester,so he may have just gone to Florida for the winter seasons." R.D.M. "wonders if this Richard is the Rutherford above,name changed."

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD VIII EVERET RAY MERCHANT b.Jan.20,1884 and married Sarah Miller. We have no death date but he was living in 1939 (From his brother's obituary) Everet Ray and Sarah Miller begot one son as recorded;

CHILD A EVERETT RAY MERCHANT JR. b.Nov.16,1914 and d.April 20,1927.

EVERETT R.MERCHANT

Everett Raymond Merchant,12 year-old son of Everett R. and Sarah (Miller) Merchant of this city,passed away this morning after having been in ill health for an extended period of time.

April 20,1927

MERCHANT - In this city,April 20,Everett Raymond Merchant,son of Everett R. and Sarah (Miller) Merchant,12 years,5 months, 4 days.Funeral private from the residence of his grandmother, Mrs.Alice Merchant,11 Granite Street,Friday afternoon at 2 o' clock.Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF LITTLE EVERETT "SONNY" MERCHANT

Who died Tuesday April 20,1927.

The sun from on high his glory flinging
Filled all the land with a golden glow
And the glad light fell o'er a mother singing
A tender lullaby,sweet and low;
"My lamb,my lamb!" may the Shepherd behold thee
As He did the little ones of yore.
And safe in His loving arms enfold thee
For evermore! Oh for evermore!

Ah me! ah me! o'er the brightest morning
The storm may break and the storm-clouds fly;
And the fairest flowers life's path adorning
Spring up and blossom but to die.
The sunlight fades and the shadows thicken,
A chill wind blows from a far-off shore,
And the mother's arms,to her hear sore stricken,
Shall clasp her darling - ah! never more.

But as the bright arch through the storm comes shining
And tells of the mercy that cannot cease,
So now,through the storm of the sad repining,
There comes a glad whisper of hope and peace;
Thy lamb that was lost.lo! the Shepherd found it,
And safe to His own green pasture bore;
And the everlasting arms are around it
For evermore! Oh for evermore!

(Alice (White) Merchant

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD IX EMMA WINSOR MERCHANT b.May 8,1887 and m.Sept.5,1916 Edwin B.Holmes. Edwin Holmes was a station engineer in Salem and was son of William F.Holmes and Elizabeth Hazelton. Marjorie Merchant (widow of Orrin Merchant) writes; "Emma married Edwin Holmes ,and she is still living (June 1,1981) .I am not sure of her address,but I believe it is Box 108 Rowley,Mass.She lives in an elderly housing project there,but I do not know the name of it.Regretfully I haven't been able to visit her in the last couple of years,so I don't know how she is,but she is well into her eighties.She has one son,Sumner,who lives in New Hampshire now but all the address I have for him is Tuftonborough." (R.D.M. writting on July 2,1981) "If Emma is living today she will be 94 years and two months old in a few days." We note from the obituary of Forest E. Merchant(page 258) that Emma and her husband were living in Danvers July 1939. Marjorie mentions in her letter one son;

CHILD A SUMNER HOLMES (Living in Tuftonborough,N.H. in 1981.

CHILD X SUMNER QUIMBY MERCHANT b.Oct.24,1893 and d.Dec.26,1921 age 28y.2m. 3d. of "tuberculosis". He m.Jan.17,1919 Mavis Odell Francis dau. of Louis Francis and Colorado Moulton.Sumner was listed as a fireman at his marriage. This two year marriage of Sumner Q. and Mavis O.Francis begot;

CHILD A LOUIS ARTHUR MERCHANT b.Nov.23,1919

CHILD B SUMNER QUIMBY MERCHANT b.Nov.23,1919 (these were twins)

SUMNER QUIMBY MERCHANT

Sumner Quimby Merchant,who served in the quartermaster's department in the recent war,passed away at his home,51 Hartz Street,on Monday after a short illness at the age of 28 years, 2 months and 3 days.

He was a native of this city,his parents being Edwin and Alice (White) Merchant.He served in the quartermaster's department as a driver at Camp Upton,Long Island,New York,from August 25,1918 till after the armistice was declared November 11,1919.

He married Miss Mava A.Francis who survives him with twin sons about two years old.He is also survived by his mother and four brothers and two sisters.

His funeral will take place from his late home,51 Hartz Street tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

His funeral;

The funeral of Sumner Quimby Merchant was held yesterday afternoon from his late home,51 Hartz Street,a large number of friends besides the relatives attending.It was a military funeral,members of Capt.Lester S.Wass Post 3 American Legion also attending.

Rev.John Brainerd Wilson of the Chapel Street Baptist Church officiated,paying a splended tribute to the deceased who served

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.8.EDWIN MERCHANT(1842-1914) & ALICE WHITE(1854-1932)

CHILD X SUMNER Q.MERCHANT(1893-1921) & MAVIS O.FRANCIS(no data)

His funeral continues;

> in the Navy during the war.
>
> The funeral cortege made its way to Oak Grove Cemetery in the following order: Firing squad of Capt.Lester S.Wass Post 3 American Legion,color guards of the Post,caisson bearing the body,the casket being draped with the American flag; pall bearers and automobiles bearing relatives and friends.
>
> There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes.At the grave,Chaplain James F.Bradley officiated.Taps were sounded by Buglers,Augustus Nickerson and James Xavier,the former standing over the grave,Bugler,Xavier sounding the taps at a distance.
>
> A volley was fired by a squad in charge of Sergeant Arthur Rogers,consisting of Norman E.Doucette,Daniel J.Gallant,H.Vernon Howlett,James O'Neal,Ralph Levie,Harold Smith,Bernard Levy and Arthur McDonald.
>
> Dec.30,1921

CHILD NO.9.ISABELL BOWEN MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1843 and d.Aug.9,1878.She m.Dec.25, 1859 James H.Place (Tel.says Dec.13). James H.Place was son of James Place and Mary ---- of Piltston,Maine,where he was born in 1833.He died from a "brain trouble" Oct.13,1881. (R.D.M.) "The Vit.Rec. has her born as "Isabella" and "Brown" penciled in,instead of Bowen." Isabell's age was 34y.11m.20d.

The husband was a shoe maker by trade.At the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the 19th Marine Regiment Co.I Infantry,being mustered into the service of the United States,(he age "28" in records).He was with the regiment, including the engagements at Fredricksburg,Va.,until the time of his muster out for disability May 29,1863.

This couple left no surviving descendants.(G.E.M.) writes: "To them was given but one child."

CHILD I JAMES H.PLACE b.July 1,1862 (at Rockland,Maine) and d.Sept.5,1862 age 2m.4d.

CHILD NO.10.EMILY CURTIS MERCHANT (Aunt Em) b.June 9,1845 (Vit.Rec. has June 19) and d.May 13,1923 of "carcinoma of liver" age 77y.11m.4d. Emily m.Oct.28,1869 Abraham Tarr who was b.Sept.21,1841 and d.March 21,1878 age 36y.6m. He was son of Abraham Tarr and Rebecca Story Norwood.They begot;

CHILD I EMMA ALICE TARR b.Sept.5,1870 and married Clifton H.Nichols.

CHILD II JULIA CLIFFORD TARR b.July 29,1872.and married John Robinson (?)

CHILD III ISABELL PLACE TARR b.Jan.22,1876.

(Note whom Aunt Em named her daughters after!)

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.10.EMILY C.MERCHANT(1845-1923) & ABRAHAM TARR(1841-1878)

(F.R.M.) writes: "Aunt Em was the woman who brought up my grandfather,Frank Merchant,as well as his two brothers,Gorham A. and William T. Merchant. After her husband died in 1878,she was left with 3 small children of her own,ages 7, 5 and 2 years old.Her brother,Gorham (Child 12) lost his wife,Mary in 1879, leaving also 3 small children,ages 7 & 5 years & 1 mo.. This remarkable woman took them in and became known as "Aunt Em". We can only wonder at the difficulties this woman faced."

> TARR - In this city,May 13,Mrs.Emily C. (Marchant) Tarr,widow of Abraham Tarr,77 years,11 months,14 days.Funeral from the residence of her daughter,Mrs.John Robinson,36 Bass Avenue,on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.Interment at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

FUNERAL OF MRS.EMILY C.TARR

> Many neighbors,friends and relatives of Mrs.Emily C.Tarr gathered at her late home,36 Bass Avenue,yesterday,to pay their last respects to one who had endeared herself to them by her kindly manner and friendly interest.Rev.John B.Wilson,pastor of the Chapel Street Baptist Church,of which the deceased was a member,conducted the services,offering prayer and speaking words of comfort to her family.Interment was at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery.
>
> May 17,1923

CHILD NO.11.LAURA JANE MERCHANT b.March 23,1848 and m.June 9,1867 Edwin McIntire. Edwin was b.Nov.11,1845 and d.Dec.5,1899 age 54y.0m.25d. We have no death date for Laura Jane but she was living in 1921 (Miranda's obituary,child 7). Edwin was a successful master mariner.His parents were Timothy McIntire and Clementina Thomas.This couple begot;

CHILD I EDWIN CLIFFORD McINTIRE b.Oct.18,1867.

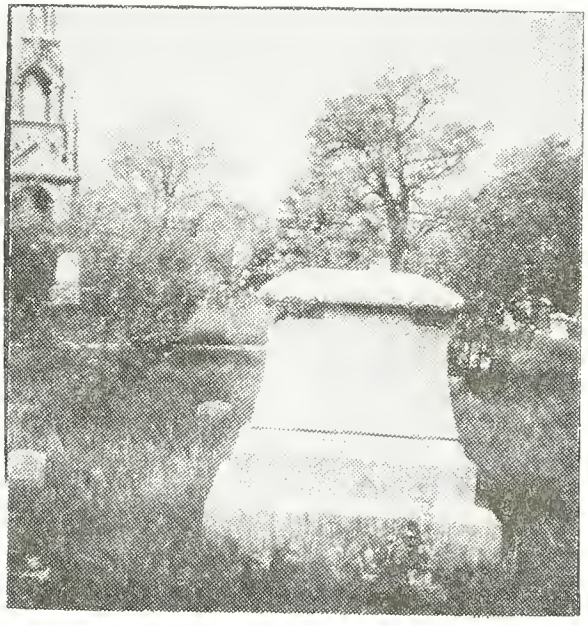
CHILD II LAURA JANE McINTIRE b.May 18,1870.

CHILD III FOREST HOWARD McINTIRE b.Nov.19,1875.

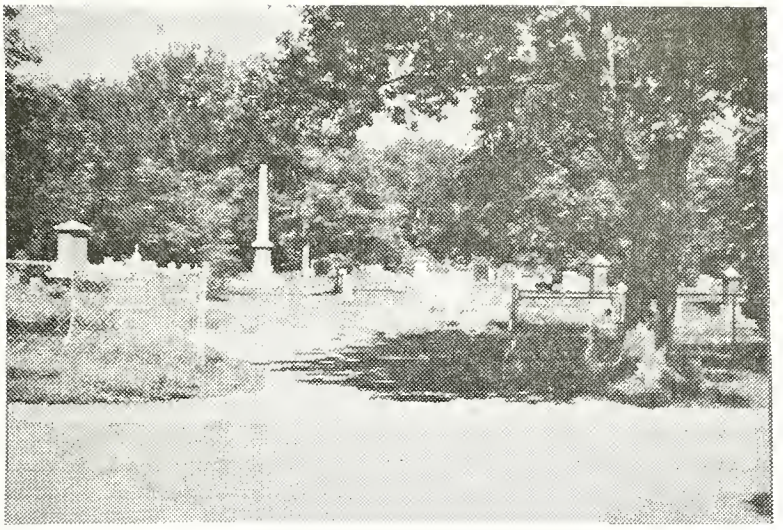
(R.D.M.) "There is evidence that G.E.M. wrote the above before the 1900s as he states that Edwin IS a successful master mariner and the death of Edwin is added with a different ink."

CHILD NO.12.GORHAM ALFRED MERCHANT b.Nov.21,1850 and m.July 14,1871 Mary Elizabeth Thurston.Mary was b.July 26,1855 and was dau. of William Henry Thurston and Mary Elizabeth Blatchford.Gorham's history will be found in Chapter 7 as he is the next in my ancestral line. (F.R.M.)

Oak Grove Cemetery - George Merchant Jr. is buried here and Joseph C.Merchant.



Oak Grove Cemetery Lot # 514
Orlando Merchant,Roy Merchant and our 2nd. family historian,R.D.M. were laid to rest here.



Mt.Pleasant Cemetery "Aunt Em buried here"

R.D.M. and Mary Sylvester Lane (1897-1985)
Taken in 1981.Mary died about 10 months after R.D.M.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION HOWARD MERCHANT b.April 1,1853 m.March 21,1875 Ada Francis Saunders.She was b.Sept.18,1856 and was dau. of John Edgar Saunders and Ellen Marie Witham.Ada Saunders d.Feb.25,1921 from the effects of an accident at age 64y.5m.6d. Albion's stone at Oak Grove Cemetery shows his death in Jan.3,1940. which tells that he died a couple months short of age 87.Albion H. buried in lot # 277.

The career of Albion is copied vertabim from G.E.M.'s notes as follows; "Born on an inauspicious day,(the second instance in the family) and being the latest born in a family of thirteen,his advent into the world was not perhaps looked upon with that favor incident to such occassions.It is related that at the time consultation was had by the interested ones,and the entry made in the family record of births March 29,1853,shows how the family sought to avoid of having the child called an April fool.

The babe grew,and with that growth came knowledge.As a boy he was active and enterprising,not the least of his project for raising spending money,being the establishment of the boot-black moveable plant in company with a cousin.(the first in Gloucester)

As natural with so large a family,the education of the boy was neglected that the family larder might be increased from the fisheries.About 1870, while on a voyage to the Bay,a talent for tonsorial practice was manifested, which upon his return home led to his entering upon what may prove to be his life work.

At any rate from an apprentice,he soon developed into proprietor and has built up a successful practice.For a period of four years he kept his trade as a barber,and occupied the farm owned then by the late Dr.Joseph Garland,near the Jeffrey land on Eastern Ave.,but farm life for him did not have the attachment which he thought it would have,and he again took up his trade about the year 1902." We do not have a date for the writing of the above by G.E.M. but I would guess between 1921 and 1929.

Albion H.Merchant and his wife,Ada F.Saunders begot 13 children following;

CHILD I ALBION HOWARD MERCHANT b.Oct.9,1875 and died within twelve hours.

CHILD II ISABELL PLACE MERCHANT b.Aug.29,1876 more p.267

CHILD III ETHEL MERCHANT b.Feb.28,1878 more p.267

CHILD IV LUCY ELLEN MERCHANT b.Sept.16,1879 and d.Oct.17,1879.

CHILD V LUCY ELLEN MERCHANT b.Aug.29,1880 more p.267

CHILD VI ALICE MAY MERCHANT b.Feb.21,1882 and d.Feb.21,1882.

CHILD VII ALICE MAY MERCHANT b.March 7,1883 more p.267

CHILD VIII ALBION HOWARD MERCHANT b.Feb.9,1886 and d.March 11,1887.

CHILD IX LELAND GORDON MERCHANT b.Jan.2,1888 more p.268

CHILD X EUNICE EDNAH MERCHANT b.Sept.5,1889 more p.269

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

CHILD XI ALBION HOWARD MERCHANT b.Sept.3,1891 more p.269

CHILD XII ADA FRANCIS MERCHANT b.March 17,1893 more p.270

CHILD XIII ARTHUR MERCHANT (Stillborn) Dec.30,1895.

(R.D.M.) Dec.30,1979 "If this 13th child of a 13th child had lived and was living today,he would be celebrating his 84th birthday."

(R.D.M.) July 6,1981 "There is a remarkable fertility feat in this family which shows thirteen children in 20 years,9 months and 9 days,from marriage date to date of last child,however they had a poor survival rate of only eight out of the thirteen."

"Albion's parents,George and Lucy,also had thirteen children in a somewhat longer span of 26y.4m.13d. but had a hundred percent survival rate.Thier children all grew up and married and had children and with a couple of exceptions grandchildren also."

"All the children of Albion and Ada were aunts or uncles to nieces and nephews who were older than these aunts and uncles."

EASTERN AVENUE WOMAN BURNED

CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE WHILE REMOVING ASHES FROM

STOVE THIS FORENOON

Mrs.Albion H.Marchant of 51 Eastern Avenue was severely burned at her home this morning when her clothing caught fire while she was removing some ashes from the stove.Dr.Whitaker attended her and she was removed to the Addison Gilbert Hospital in the police ambulance by Patrolmen Anderson and McDonald.Her burns were about the legs and lower part of the body and although serious,Mrs Marchant will probably recover.

Jan.27,1921

MRS.A.H.MERCHANT DIED FROM BURNS

POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION PREVENTED INJURIES FROM

HEALING AS WAS EXPECTED

Mrs.Ada F. (Saunders) ,wife of Albion H.Merchant,who was severely burned at her home,51 Eastern Ave.,on January 27, passed away at the Addison Gilbert Hospital this forenoon as the result of her injuries.

Her clothing caught fire while removing ashes from a stove, and she was badly burned about the legs and lower portion of her body,but it was expected after her removal to the hospital that she would recover but on account of the poor condition of her general health,her injuries failed to heal as was expected,

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

The obituary of Ada Saunders,wife of Albion Merchant,continues;

and her death ensued as the result of the complication of diseases.

She was a native of this city,her age being 64 years,5 months and six days,she having been born September 18,1856,her parents being John E. and Ellen M. (Witham) Saunders,and married Albion H.Merchant,March 21,1875.She is survived by her husband,also her mother,two sons,Leland G. and Albion H.,and six daughters,Mrs. Isabell,wife of Howard Harding,Mrs.Lucy,wife of James Bell,Mrs. Alice,wife of Austin Parsons,Mrs.Ethel,wife of Herman Anderson, Mrs.Eunice,wife of Harold Saunders,and Mrs.Ada,wife of Chester Hood,two brothers,Roscoe and Ernest Saunders,and one sister, Miss Bessie Saunders,also nine grandchildren,Carl Merchant Harding,Stuart Bell,Herman Merchant,Esther Harding,Edna Saunders, Dorothy Harding,Muriel Parsons,Junior Saunders and Marion Gertrude Anderson.

MERCHANT - In this city,February 25,at the Addison Gilbert Hospital,Mrs.Ada F. (Saunders),wife of Albion H.Merchant, 64 years,5 months,6 days.Funeral from the home of her daughter, Mrs.Howard Harding,294 Main Street on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Feb.25,1921

AGED MAN FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR

ALBION H.MERCHANT,86 WAS BARBER 52 YEARS

Found dead on the floor of the kitchen of the apartment at 352 Main Street,where he resided alone.Albion H.Merchant,86 years,passed away from old age and heart condition.

Officers J.Russell Moody and Raymond A.Freitas went to the apartment at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon on request of neighbors.The officers were forced to break the lock on the apartment door to gain entrence and discovered that Mr.Merchant had passed away.They notified Dr.J.J.Egan Jr.,assistant medical examiner.

The son of George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant,he was born in this city,86 years ago last April,a descendant of old Cape Ann families whose forerunners came here in 1628.He was the last of 13 children.

He conducted his own barber shop for 52 years retireing 16 years ago.He started barbering at the age of 18 years.

A lover of nature,for a hobby he raised flowers,canaries, dogs and poultry.Once he won 11 prizes with 13 hens exhibited at one show.He raised and sold several hundred canaries and a number of Boston Terriers,one of the latter being exhibited in a Paris,France,dog show.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

The obituary of Albion H.Merchant continues;

> Surviving are two sons,Leland G. and A.Howard Merchant,and six daughters,Mrs.Isabell P.Harding,Mrs.Lucy E.Bell and Mrs. Alice M.Parsons,all of this city;Mrs.Herman Anderson of Medford Hillside,Mrs Harold Saunders and Mrs.Chester Hood of Everett; also 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
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> The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter,Mrs.Isabell P.Harding,3 Taylor Street,with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.
>
> Jan.4,1940

There is no further information on child I as he died on the day of his birth, so will proceed with;

CHILD II ISABELL PLACE MERCHANT b.Aug.29,1876 and m.Oct.28,1895 Howard Harding son of Dennis B.Harding and Nancy B.McKenney.She was living in 1921. They begot the following children but no data or other information on them their names being taken from their grandmother's obituary in 1921.

CHILD A CARL MERCHANT HARDING

CHILD B ESTHER HARDING

CHILD C DOROTHY HARDING

CHILD III ETHEL MERCHANT b.Feb.28,1878 and m.June 18,1898 Herman E.Anderson son of Elling Anderson and Eleanor Greenwood.He was b.1878 (age 20 at m.). This couple begot;

CHILD A MARION GERTRUDE ANDERSON (no data but living in 1921)

CHILD V LUCY ELLEN MERCHANT b.Aug.29,1880 and m.April 26,1898 James Bell who was born at Lancaster,England in 1876 and was son of William Bell and Mary White.They begot;

CHILD A STUART BELL (He and parents in Feb.1921 obituary of Ada Merchant.)

CHILD VII ALICE MAY MERCHANT b.March 7,1883.No date or name on her first marriage.The Christening of her and her sister is noted in the following clipping,dated June 26,1892,she then at age 9 years old. Alice married second, Austin Parsons who d.May 8,1927 at age 68y.10m.14d.He is buried in the Epes Merchant lot at Oak Grove Cemetery.No information on the death of Alice or where she is buried. They begot;

CHILD A MURIEL PARSONS (alive in 1921)

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

CHILD VII ALICE M.MERCHANT(1883-) & AUSTIN PARSONS(-1927)

A newspaper article follows;

CHILDREN CHRISTENED

SUNDAY FOR THE LITTLE ONES AT THE GLOUCESTER

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

GLOUCESTER,June 26,-Children's Sunday was observed at the Universalist Church today,calling out a congregation which occupied all the avaiable space in the gallery and body of the edifice.

The church alter was profusely decorated with foliage and flowers,in the center of which was a large shell.

Master Herbert Hartwell made the address of welcome and Miss Lucy Wass gave a recitation, "The Dear Little Heads in the Pew".

After a sermon appropiate to the occasion,the pastor,Rev. W.H.Ryder christened the following children,the form used being that originated by Rev.John Murray,first pastor of the church and founder of Universalism in America.

Herman Stevens Bradley	John William Skillings
Delmont L.Bradley	Eliza Sumner Bott
Raymond Frost Bradley	Harry Eugene Adams
Ruth Ellery Bradley	Edgar Whitaker Taft
Bertha G.Bradley	George Steele
- Lucy Ellen Merchant	Barnard Lewis Stanwood
- Alice May Merchant	Pauline Wass
- Nellie Parsons	Aaron Winship Lufkin
Idella Irma Blatchford	Hattie B.McFarland
Carleton Bly	Berenice P.Hinckley
Hester Cabot Irving	Almer Abbott Thompson
Donald Proctor Tarr	Lester Russell Crowe
Annie Dell Wheeler	Margaret Parker
Charles Parsons Morse	Priscilla Tarr
Charles Frederick Pearce	Arthur Chester Tarr

CHILD IX LELAND GORDON MERCHANT b.Jan.12,1888 and m.Nov.2,1905 Florence A.N. Saunders who was dau. of Nathaniel Saunders and Mary A.Warner.They begot;

CHILD A HERMAN GORDON MERCHANT b.Feb.13,1906 (alive in 1921)

CHILD B ROBERT L.MERCHANT b.Nov.30,1907 and d.May 2,1908 age 5m.3d.

CHILD C RAYMOND MERCHANT b.Dec.4,1908 and d.Dec.26,1908 age 22d.

CHILD D RALPH RUSSELL MERCHANT b.Dec.4,1908 and d.Jan.4,1909 age 31d.

Note that child C and D were twins.

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

CHILD X EUNICE EDNA MERCHANT b.Sept.5,1889 and married to Harold Saunders, living in 1921 and they begot;

CHILD A EDNA SAUNDERS (no data but living in 1921)

CHILD B JUNIOR SAUNDERS (perhaps Harold Saunders Jr.)

CHILD XI ALBION HOWARD MERCHANT b.Sept.3,1891 and m.Dec.25,1922 Ann C.Kelley She was dau. of Michael W.Kelley and Catherine McKinnon.No data on his wife Ann, but Albion d.July 3,1974 age 82y.10m.0d. was "cremated" and buried at Oak Grove Cemetery,lot # 277. Albion has a flat stone marker with the name A.Howard Merchant and states U.S.Navy W.W.I.

(R.D.M.) "We congratulate our uncle Albion on his successful third attempt to have a namesake son."

Albion and his wife,Ann Kelley,have two children living in Oct.1981,if there were others born,we have no record of them.(His obituary on p.270)

CHILD A MICHAEL K.MERCHANT (no data) We do not know if he first son or not,as we have no data,but has a son;

CHILD a MICHAEL K.MERCHANT JR. (no data) married Diana Dunn,who is the dau. of John Dunn Jr. and Francis ----. They live at Knowlton Square,Gloucester and begot;

CHILD a 1 MICHAEL K.MERCHANT 3rd. b.Jan.14,1983.

CHILD a 2 MELISSA ANN MERCHANT b.Oct.8,1985.

CHILD B ROBERT L.MERCHANT b.June 2,1924 and married ----- Greene who was b.July 7,1927 and is dau. of Dr.Earl Greene and Rosamond Lougee.Robert L. is now (1984) 60 years of age and is living at Bonita Springs,Florida.This couple begot the following children;

CHILD a DOREEN MERCHANT b.Sept.21,1946 (living in Florida).

CHILD b DIANE MERCHANT b.Nov.1,1950 and married Mark Nash and living in Gloucester.

CHILD c DEBRA MERCHANT b.Jan.15,1953 (living in Florida)

CHILD d ROBERT E.MERCHANT b.June 27,1955 and married Beverly ---- . They live at 37 Perkins Street,Gloucester.No information on children,if any. We have a newspaper clipping on an accident;

> Only one person was injured in chain reaction accidents involving six vehicles on Route 128 yesterday afternoon.
>
> Beverly Merchant,27,of 37 Perkins Street recieved cuts and scrapes on her arms,legs and upper body after her motorcycle hit the rear of the car of -----.
>
> July 7,1983

Descendants of George and his wife,Lucy Norwood.

CHILD NO.13.ALBION H.MERCHANT(1853-1940) & ADA F.SAUNDERS(1856-1921)

CHILD XI ALBION H.MERCHANT(1891-1974) & ANN C.KELLEY(no data)

CHILD B ROBERT L.MERCHANT(1924-) & ----- GREENE(1927-)

Their 5th child;

CHILD e GAIL MERCHANT b.Nov.5,1962 (living in Florida)

The obituary of Albion H.Merchant follows; (this child XI)

ALBION H. MERCHANT JR.

Albion H.Merchant Jr.,82,husband of the late Ann (Kelly) Merchant,of 13 Millett Street,died Wednesday evening at the Addison Gilbert Hospital.

He was born in Gloucester,Sept.3,1891,son of the late Albion Howard Merchant and Ada F. (Saunders) Merchant.

Mr.Merchant was a veteran of World War I,having served in the U.S.Navy.He was well-known as a barber in Gloucester,having worked for 50 years on Main Street.

He is survived by two sons,Robert L.Merchant and Michael K. Merchant of West Gloucester;nine grandchildren;and two sisters, Alice Parsons and Unice Saunders of North Quincy.

At the previous request of the deceased there will be no funeral service or visiting hours.Kindly omit flowers.

Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery after cremation.

CHILD XII ADA FRANCIS MERCHANT b.March 17,1893 and married Chester Hood. Living in 1921 (mother's obituary).No children mentioned on that date.

We now have finished the records of Part I of our work and trust that they will provide information and perhaps a degree of inspiration to those who read them.And finely,we trust that these records will serve "As A MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE" as written by G.E.M. in 1914.

OUR EARTHLY BEGINNINGS AND OUR HOPE

"I also am mortal,like all men,
a descendant of the first-formed
child of earth;
and in the womb of a mother
I was molded into flesh,
within the period of ten months,
compacted with blood,
from the seed of a man
and the pleasure of marriage.
And when I was born,
I began to breath the common air,
and fell upon the kindred earth,
and my first sound was a cry,
like that of all.
I was nursed with care
in swaddling cloths.
For no king has had a different
beginning of existence;
there is for all mankind
one entrance into life,
and a common departure."

Wisdom of Solomon 7:1-6

"But the souls of the righteous
are in the hand of G-d,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish
they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought
to be an affliction,
and their going from us
to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of men
they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little,
they will recieve great good,
because G-d tested them
and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace
he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering
he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation
they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks
through the stubble.
They will govern nations
and rule over peoples,
and the L-rd will reign
over them for ever.
Those who trust in him
will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide
with him in love,
because grace and mercy
are upon his elect,
and he watches over his holy ones."

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

"OUR FAMILY HISTORIANS"

PART II

BY ROBERT D. MERCHANT

By FRANK R. MERCHANT

This special section consists of the history of our first historian,George E.Merchant,plus some of his newspaper articles. The second part of this section is the history of Robert D. Merchant.

Gloucester,Mass. (From the Times -Dec.12,1983)

Main Street in the late 1930's,decorated for Christmass
George E. Merchant died in 1929,so Gloucester probably
looked much the same in this photo as it did then.

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--- OUR FAMILY HISTORIANS ---

"Unto the upright there ariseth light
in the darkness ---"

"he shall be in everlasting remembrance"

Psalms 112:4,6

We will hereby interupt our historical line and incert a special section in memory of our family historians.There perhaps have been many who have contemplated on our history,many who have written records of some extent,certainly many who have aided in these records over the years,however our first historian of record was G.E.M.

GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT was the son of George Merchant Jr. and Mary Douglass He was b.Sept.9,1853 and m.March 6,1879 Charlotte Estelle Lufkin dau. of Samuel Lufkin and Mary Potter Brown.Charlotte was b.Aug.5,1857 and was living March 22,1929,the date of George's death.We do not have her death date.He died at age 75y.6m.13d. of "cerebrel hemmorage" and buried at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery in East Gloucester. (Charlotte d.1945 - from the monument at Mt.Pleasant)

(R.D.M.) writes Oct.23,1983 "G.E.M. was a self-educated man.I do not know if he even went to high school,as he was the cook on a fishing vessel at age 16."

In his own notes,presumably written circa 1923,George E.Merchant sums up his own career with excessive brevity and modesty.The following is vertabim from his notes. "Following his fathers example,George early in life started out to be a fisherman,but after eight years,concluded that the fates had something different in store.In 1870,he entered the employ of John S.E.Rogers printer and publisher of the "Gloucester Telegraph",and has continued in the same occupation since.He served as city councilman in 1886-7". George E. and his wife,Charlotte E.Lufkin begot the following children;

CHILD NO.1.EUGENE HOWARD MERCHANT b.June 28,1880 and d.July 6,1880 age 8d.

CHILD NO.2.FITZ OTIS MERCHANT b.June 28,1880 and d.July 7,1880 age 9d.(twin)

CHILD NO.3.ERNEST HOWARD MERCHANT b.April 6,1886 more p.276

CHILD NO.4.GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT JR. b.April 16,1888 more p.276

GEORGE E.MERCHANT(1853-1929) & CHARLOTTE E.LUFKIN(1857-)

HONORABLE AND MRS.GEORGE E.MERCHANT

WEDDED 50 YEARS AGO TODAY

After many weeks of anticipation,Hon. and Mrs.George E. Merchant of 31 Eastern Avenue are observing their golden wedding today.Although the occaison is not so cheerful a one as had been anticipated since Mr.Merchant was stricken with a shock while leaving the Sawyer Library Saturday noon and has since been confined to his bed.

Mr.Merchant had visited in the Times office and had left material for another of the G.E.M. articles which have been read with such interest.He was then in fine spirits and in talking with the Times staff had expressed approval of the moderns - stating in effect that the young women were as wholesome and worthy as those of his younger days.At that time,he showed two photographs,one of himself and the other of his wife, taken in the early days of their romance.Only a few days before, both Mr. and Mrs.Merchant had visited at the Times office.

We interupt this article as much of it is the same information given about his life as found in his obituary which follows afterward.

He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church on Prospect Street, as does his wife,and she has been a teacher in the Sunday School for many years.

A capable and industrious woman,Mrs.Merchant is a keen and able helpmate for her husband.

The couple have two sons,Ernest and George E.Merchant Jr.

Though confined to his bed,but a little better today,Mr. Merchant and his wife,have been remembered generously with cards of greetings and gifts.

March 6,1929

We note that 13 days after this,George E.Merchant died aged 75y.6m.13d.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

His obituary follows;

EX-MAYOR GEORGE E.MERCHANT

DEAD

WELL KNOWN MEMBER OF OLD CAPE ANN FAMILY AND CHIEF

EXECUTIVE IN 1900 PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Another distinct loss to Cape Ann has come in the death of Hon.George E.Merchant,a former mayor,who passed away at his home,31 Eastern Avenue,yesterday afternoon,at about 1:30 o'clock, after a brief illness,following a shock sustained on March 2nd.

The deceased who was born of old Cape Ann stock,was a Glouc esterite,born and bred,and was 75 years,six months and 13 days

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His obituary continues;

of age.He was the son of the late George Jr. and Mary Douglass Merchant,and had but little schooling ere he joined his fellow schoolmates aboard the ships on fishing trips.He has often related to the Times reporter his experiences as cook at 16 years of age,and told of his first batch of bread baked for a husky, hungry crew.He recalled having been fond of assisting about his home kitchen in his boyhood days and of a natural aptitude in that line.

On March 6,1879,Miss Charlotte E.Lufkin became the bride of George E.Merchant,the ceremony being performed by Rev.Dr. John M.English of the First Baptist Church,this city.

After giving up the fisheries,Mr.Merchant entered on the trade of printing,being with the Cape Ann Breeze for a long period and later the Gloucester Times as pressman.He was associated with the Allen Show Print Company of Beverly for several years until ill health compelled him to retire.

His interest in the lure of the printer's ink has never decreased and today at his home is a handpress on which he occasionally printed his hand set articles.

In his early years,Mr.Merchant was a member of the old Company G.Eighth Massachusetts Regiment in which he held office as secretary and treasurer. (In fact Mr.Merchant claims it was the brass buttons and gold braid of his uniform that won him his bride.)

ENTERED POLITICS IN 1870

Entering into the city's political life in the 70's,he was first a ward officer,then a member of the common council for four years,being first elected in 1886.He later became alderman,serving in this capacity for six years and mayor in 1900. In 1906,he was named a member of the water board for three years,serving twice as its chairman.He was elected alderman under the present amended charter,serving from 1909-13. Municipal finance has for many years been a pet topic with Mr. Merchant and in this,as on all his interests,he was one of the best - posted men in this section.

Of his friendship with the late Rev.Jeremiah J.Healy of St. Ann's Church,Mr.Merchant told further interesting and worthwhile stories,as well as of his association with the"A.P.A." group of past years.

Besides his inveterate love of fact-gathering which placed him as an authority on genealogy,Mr.Merchant had as additional avocations,music,photography and the raising of fruits and flowers from seed.In this last classification,he was well known, for he had a record garden with "earliest" and "latest" and "off-season" blooms and growths quite regularly to be expected.

SELF EDUCATED

A self-taught and self-educated man,his writings were of a

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His obituary continued;

> scholarly tone,with the touch of conviction which stamped them always reliable and authentic.
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> He was an inveterate reader and information-seeker,and had at his finger tips much valuable data,while stored in the attic of his home are many valuable reference books.
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> He served on the Republican city committee for more than 20 years and was secretary,treasurer and acting chairman. He attended the Prospect Street Methodist Episcopal Church and was a member of Wingaersheek Tribe,I.O.R.M.,and a past sachem.
>
> Recently celebrated his Golden Wedding.
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> He leaves besides his wife,a faithful helpmeet and cheery companion throughout the 50 years of their wedded life,which was observed March 6,two sons,Ernest H. of New York and George E.Merchant Jr. of Philadelphia,Pa.
>
> March 23,1929

A brief account of his sons follow;

CHILD NO.3.ERNEST HOWARD MERCHANT b.April 6,1886 and m.Aug.3,1909 Florence Adelia Robinson dau. of Rufus Frank Robinson and Ida Francis Parsons.Florence was b.Feb.28,1885,no death date on her or her husband.They were married at Boston by Rev.James Harry Holden.No data on children if any.

We have two newspaper clippings on Ernest H.,the first dated Jan.18,1909, which reads as follows;

> Ernest H.Merchant,Tufts '07,son of Alderman Merchant,has been appointed on the Geological Survey at Washington D.C. and leaves today to take up his new duties.Mr.Merchant has been employed as assistant chemist for the State Board of Health, Boston,and last fall took a competitive examination for a similar position for the government geological survey in which he attained a high marking resulting in his appointment.

The second clipping reads;

> Ernest H.Merchant,son of Hon. and Mrs.George E.Merchant and Miss Florence Robinson,daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Robinson of Boston were married in Boston on Tuesday,by Rev.J.Harry Holden.The young people have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for a long and happy married life. Mrs.Merchant is a niece of Mayor Henry H.Parsons.
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> The latter dated;Aug.6,1909

CHILD NO.4.GEORGE EDWARD MERCHANT JR. b.April 16,1888 and m.Sept.26,1914 Margery Susan Griest dau. of Nathan P.Griest and Lucy Ann Wagoner.Margery was b.March 19,1882 York Springs,Adams Co.Pa. No death date on George Jr. or on his wife,Margery. (They were married in Philadelphia.) No data on children if any.

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Their 4th child,George E.Jr.,continued;

A newspaper clipping dated August 13,1910 (four years before his marriage) reads as follows;

> George E.Merchant Jr.,son of Alderman and Mrs.George E.,has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania railroad,and will report to the chief engineer's department at Philadelphia,on Monday for duty.He will leave this evening on the Metropolitan Steamship Company's steamer Harvard,for New York.

We are forced to the reluctant conclusion that George E.Merchant had no grandchildren.In the section of his notes that the above is taken from,he has dates as recent as 1923 and no mention of grandchildren and in a newspaper article to follow about his fiftieth wedding anniversary (1929) nor in his obituary, is there any mention of grandchildren,but only of his two sons.In 1929,his two daughters-in-law were aged 44 and 47 respectively.

Among G.E.M.'s various interests,was his interest in genealogy,which he began in ernest at age of 36 years.We note in the Epes Merchant Chapter,how as a boy,he dug up the graves of two sailors whose bodies had washed ashore and had been buried by the towns people after a shipwreck in 1807.Epes,his great grandfather,had been among those who had helped in the burial.Such was the inquistive nature of this young boy and we expect that this same inquiring nature led this young man to begin his work on our family history.

In April of 1889,four members of the family,representive of four generations gathered together in order to have a group picture taken,these being George Merchant Sr.,aged 82 years,George Merchant Jr.,aged 62 years,George Edward Merchant Sr.,36 years of age and George Edward Merchant Jr.,1 year to a day. Somehow during the course of this meeting,the question was raised,who was grandfather's father? This sparked the interest of our yet young cousin and who in time to come would be our first family historian.

G.E.M. writes in his booklet, "The Merchants of Cape Ann", "It was this little incident which gave birth to a longing to know more of my ancestors; a longing never to be satisfied in full measure perhaps,while it has cost the writer many hours of wearisome searching among the dusty records of the past, and the needs of a growing family to be supplied meanwhile.

Well might one wish that the work could have been better accomplished; but he who undertakes such a task soon learns that not only are the public records woefully lacking in accurate detail but family Bibles and tombstones may not always be relied upon.

In my search for an ancestor,the midnight oil has been burned,personal interviews had with interested parties,and correspondence sent to many sections of this country and across the seas."

(R.D.M.) "My grand uncle G.E.M.,to whom we oue all these records was a very competent genealogist." - Jan.18,1982

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(F.R.M.) writes: "On the cover of his booklet,G.E.M. sums up the intention behind his work, "As a memorial to those who have gone before". Such intention is most honorable,it is praiseworthy,and of spiritual depth for it must come forth from the very depth of the soul,the soul of its writer. George E.Merchant desired to know,to learn,to bring to life a remembrance of the departed,that they should be remembered by the living and that the living might know who their ancestors are and that these young Merchant sons and daughters might know the roots from which they sprang,to know the very soul from which they are a part and which they are. His efforts shall stand the test of time,although he never completed the work,it was not meant to be.He heard the call from Heaven and could not tarry here.

After his records lay for fifty years,these faded remenents of our history, survived that others might continue the work that G.E.M. began so many years ago. G-d intended it to be so !"

"The sacrifice of a just man
is acceptable,
and the memorial thereof
shall never be forgotten"

Ecclesiasticus 35:7

G.E.M. our first historian,
We must never forget him.

The articles written for the Press by G.E.M. over the years must have been numerous,the following pages contain those clippings that are preserved. The following article written for the "Times" a few days before Jan.16,1907.

PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM A CARTEL BOUND FROM HALIFAX TO BOSTON

It does not appear that the historian looked upon the passenger list of this cartel as a document of much importance,else he would have incorporated the same in his notes.Fortunatley this list,which has never yet been published,has been preserved and although somewhat yellow with age,may yet be read with comparative ease.

With the thought that possibly at the present time when genealogical research is being prosecuted with vigor in every hamlet and town which boasts of an historic past,it may help solve some of the questions involved in a study of the Revolutionary period,we present the document below:

The list may be found at the City Hall,in a paper covered memorandum book kept by the selectmen from 1781-1783 and as follows;

A list of sundry people,and the Towns to which they belong, landed out of a Carteele from Halifax,bound to Boston,but by reason of sickness the Select Men was obliged to take them on shoar to Gloucester,and provide for them; viz;

Seth Cartwright	of	Nantucket
Thomas Hunt		Brunswick
Thomas Barton		Salem
Eben Simns		Do
Urey Donam		Dartmouth
James Lister		Boston
Asea Moon		Do
---- Muling		Do
Thomas Case		Dartmouth
Joseph Wheeler		Salem
John Finlis		Rhode Island
Tim Wellman		Salem
John Savig		Marblehead
---- Mills		Phildelphia
Stanford Jackson		Poartsmouth
Naph Newell		Boston
Eshmel Reves		Ipswich
Benjm Niles		Freetown
Thomas Jonson		Salem
Wm Dearing		Kittery
Henry Liwis		Poartsmouth
Thomas Trundy		Do
----- Smith		Cape Cod
Benjamin Fuller		Poartsmouth
Joseph Hooker		Do
Thomas Weller		Wells

Writings of George E.Merchant (A list of men taken off a Cartel,cont;)

Anthony Mitchell	of	Salem,a black
Joseph Greenleff		Newburyport
Richard Horton		Marblehead
Joseph White		Salem
John Pery		Manchester
Benjm Redin		Marblehead

No where in the document are we told of the nature of the sickness which caused the vessel to bear up for Gloucester,when within a little more than 30 miles from the port to which she was bound.That it was serious enough we may be sure,else her passengers would not have landed.For one of them it was a coming to G-d's country only to die,for in the town's account against the Commonwealth which was rendered under date of April 26,1782, I find one coffin specified.This account's made out in the handwriting of "John Low,per order of the selectmen". This is as fine a specimen of old time accounts as one would wish to see,and although undoubtedly done with a hand pointed quill, would put to blush some of the efforts of an expert in penmanship of the present day and of improved facilities.

The account rendered is for supplies furnished,and is as follows;

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
Doctor Plummer's acct.	22	0	0
Captain Jacob Allen's acct.	12	9	7 1/2
John Low,Esq. his acct.	8	3	0
John Low Jr. his acct.	8	3	8
Eliphalet Davis acct.	1	0	6
Andrew Elliot's acct.	1	0	0
Jeremiah Robinson,sexton,acct.	3	0	0
John Savill	0	18	0
Abraham Davis,his acct.	11	2	0
Shirts supplied by Selectmen	1	10	0
Mary Tucker's bill of attendance	9	0	0
Nathaniel Haskell for coffin	3	15	0
Gloucester Dalton acct.	33	0	0
Joshua Riggs acct.	3	0	0
Jonathan Griffin's acct.	1	10	0
William Davis acct.	11	0	9

The Gloucester Dalton,whose account above called for 33 pounds.was.if I am not mistaken,a black,and may have been the one referred to by Babson,in writing of the Ellery family.John Ellery,son by the first William,a sea captain,who in his will provided for the giving of freedom to his negro man servant named Gloucester.Possibly his pay may have been for watching.

Writings of George E.Merchant (Prisoners taken from off a Cartel,cont;)

Two other cartels,other than the above noted,landed their passengers at Gloucester,one being piloted into Annisquam Harbor, under stress of weather by one of the Gloucester prisoners on board.The other landed her men at the old town landing,foot of Washington Street,and it is claimed that so weak were some of the men that they made their way from the vessel on hands and knees,assisted by their friends.No list of these men have been preserved.

A fourth cartel,having on board Capt.Coas of the privateer Stark Fame,was lost as supposed while but a few hours out of Halifax with all on board,including a number of Gloucester men.

Lest there be any misunderstanding as to the use of the word "cartel",let me in closing add this; It does not refer to a particular type of vessel,but in this case only to a war vessel, which was used for an exchange of prisoners between warring states or nations therefor free from molestation.The term was used also in referring to a document which had the same end in view,the exchange of prisoners;and also when sending a challenge to combat.

A follow up was written by G.E.M. Jan.19,1907;

REVOLUTIONARY PRISONERS BROUGHT HERE

ON HALIFAX CARTEL

TODAY IS THE 125 ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR LANDING

Messrs Editors: Hon.John J.Babson,the historian in his "Notes and Additions", makes brief mention of the fact that in 1782,a cartel bound from Halifax to Boston,with prisoners of war to be exchanged,had cause to come to anchor in Gloucester Harbor, where her passengers were landed and cared for in their sickness, and later,no doubt went on their way to their several places of residence,rejoicing over the fact that the long bitter war with the mother country had ended with victory for the Colonies,and that having suffered the horrors of British prison pens,were now free men,in a country where all men were declared to be free and equal.

Today markes the 125th anniversary for this important event, for it was on Jan.11,1782,that this cartel with her precious freight of humanity,came sailing round Eastern Point,and after being boarded by a health officer, (for even at that time no foreign craft could waive this formality) the selectmen gave orders for the landing of the passengers.

Writings of George E.Merchant (For the Times Feb.13,1907)

WRECK,1787

I wonder if any reader of the Times,can give me information as to this shipwreck and consequently loss of life.In an old memorandum book of the town recently discovered at the City Hall,covering dates at the time of the revolutionary war and thereafter,I find this item:

"An account of expenses arising from burying sundry persons that was taken up that was cast away on Little Good Harbor Beach,viz:

January 5,1787

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
To paid Jeremiah Robinson Digging the graves	1	16	0
To paid Willard Parsons Carring coffin down	0	2	0
To paid Deacon Kinsman making 2 coffins at 16s	1	12	0
To paid Jonathan Low carring them to the grave	0	18	0
To paid Mr.Wm Segars taking care of said people	0	8	0
To toling the bell	0	3	0

To this account is affixed "A list of the jurors on the drowned people, as follows:

"William Parsons,Foreman,Jonathan Brown,Abraham Row,Hubbard Haskell Jr.,William Segars,William Fears,Richard French, Nathaniel Haskell Jr.,Samuel Robinson,William Thomas,Richard Littlehale,Samuel Row Jr."

"An account of money found in one of the people's pocket," as follows;

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
2 dollars	0	12	0
1 pc silver	0	1	4
1 pc do	0	0	9 1-2
1 pc do	0	0	9
1 pc do	0	0	8
1 pc do	0	0	7
6 coppers	0	0	4
1 silver knee buckle			

Above sum is in Capt.John Somes'hands.

Mr.Babson,in his History,apparently makes no mention of this wreck,but gives an account of the loss of the ship "Industry", Capt.Miles Barnes,in the same locality nine years later.The stone locating the graves of this Capt.Barnes may yet be found at the old burying ground on Bridge Street.Possibly the graves of these other "drowned people" may also be located there.

Writings of George E.Merchant (For the Times Jan.10,1907)

INTERESTING DATA CONCERNING REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

HOW THE BOUNTY COAT CERTIFICATES PRESERVED THE RECORDS

"Blandishments will not fascinate us,nor threats of the halter intimidate;for,under G-d,we are determined that wheresoever,whensoever,or howsoever,we are called on to make our exit,we will die free men." Quincy

Words boldly and bravely spoken and well befitting the place they occupy on the Bunker Hill Memorial.

Messrs.Editors: In my recent remarks concerning Moses Lufkin and his family,published in the Times,I am reminded by a veteran that I omitted to name two other grandsons of Moses who served in the war of the rebellion.Edward J.Lufkin,son of Samuel,who served as a teamster and otherwise; and Benjamin Parker,a brother to the John and James mentioned,and son of the late Deacon Andrew Parker.Possibly there may also be others of the grandsons of whom it may be said, "They also served their country well."

I have been asked by one of the family to explain what the reference to a "bounty-coat or its equivalent in money" meant as related to the record of Moses,the drummer.

In reading of the revolutionary war period,it must be remembered,first that the minute men who marched on the first and second alarm,were a distinct organization from the troops who were afterwards in the service.They were the men gathered and kept in training to answer to any call when danger threatened the community.With the events at Concord and Lexington, the question of defence took on a new aspect,and the Continental Congress,which had at various times been in session at Boston, Watertown and other places,called for the establishment of regular troops.As an inducement to encourage enlistments,the partially-established new goverment promised to each soldier a great coat to be worn in the service when needed as protection from the cold.This great coat or "bounty-coat",as it was afterwards called,became an important factor in determining who were in the service,and especially as related to those who fought and died at Bunker Hill.Congress on April 23, had passed a resolution unanimously favoring the raising of an army of 30, 000 men.13,000 of whom were to come from the province of Massachusetts,and in July following,after the battle of Bunker Hill had been fought,it was resolved that 13,000 coats be provided as soon as may be; and it was further promised that these coats be furnished by the various towns in the province, being paid for the same at the rate of four shillings for the making,and for the cloth at a rate of three shillings four pence per yard,of a width of seven-eighths of a yard wide.

Writings of George E.Merchant (Bounty-coats continued)

When in 1889 the city of Boston set out to erect a memorial at Bunker Hill,in honor of the fallen heroes,it was found that the regimental and company rolls were very defective as to the list of killed,wounded and made prisoners at Bunker Hill.A list of the known killed,where the evidence was conclusive on the regimental rolls,was prepared and published; this list,it was found by a Gloucester citzen,contained the names of but three of the five men whose residence was at Gloucester,who were killed in the battle.He promptly notified those in charge of the omission,and from the "coat rolls",was obtained the evidence which added some 48 more names to the list of killed,including the two mentioned from this city.

Gloucester,it will be remembered,furnished two companies for Bunker Hill,one company being under Capt.John Rowe,which lost three men killed,Francis Pool,Josiah Brooks and William Parsons.Full credit was given on the regimental rolls for the loss of these men.

In Capt.Nathaniel Warner's Company,two men were killed, Daniel Callahan and Benjamin Smith.

It would appear from the evidence that both of these were young men under the age of 21 years,who had been bound out by the town officials,perhaps to parties who were willing to take them for their keep.

Their death appears to have caused but little concern to those interested until the question of a "bounty-coat" came up more than a year after their death,and had it not been for the raising of this question of ownership,they might not have been known as heroes of that fatal day at Bunker Hill.

Three certificates were found among the coat rolls at the state house relating to these men as follows; "Gloucester,July 8,1776.This certifies that Benjamin Smith,indented servant of Capt.William Ellery,was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill and had no estate or relatives in this country and said Ellery, has the sole right to the coat he was to have,signed by four selectmen of Gloucester,also a certificate that he was killed by a cannon ball,signed by Wm Kingman,Sergt. in Warner's Co."

"Sir Please to pay to Mr.Samuel Whitemore what is due me, for my servant Benjamin Smith,who was killed in Capt.Warner's Company,Col Little's Regt.,and you will oblige your servant, William Ellery."

"Gloucester,Aug.27,1776

This certifies that Daniel Callahan,who was killed at Bunker Hill,was an indented servant to Mr.Stephen Low,of this town, who has the sole right to said Callahan's wages,anything that belonged to him,he was in Warner's Company,Col.Little's Regt., signed by two selectmen of Gloucester."

There were a number of these certificates on file among a great mass of other receipts concerning the soldiers,and in one of them,Mary Pike of Haverhill,gave an order in favor of Jonathan Webster,Esq.,of the same place,for the sum of 25 shillings, "which was allowed in the room of a bounty-coat" to her

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late husband,Simeon Pike,killed in the fight at Bunker Hill.
This certificate fixes the value of the coat.Some of the certificates call for both a coat and a blanket or its equivalent in money.
I find in looking up the matter of the soldiers who served from Gloucester at Bunker Hill,that the authorities differ as to the facts.Babson in his history published in 1860,gives what purports to be a correct list of Capt.Warner's and Capt. Rowe's Companies,yet in a list published by the press early in 1828,while yet several of the men were counted as living, a far different list of names is given.Some day I hope to solve the mystery of these various lists and get at the real facts.

P.S. In my former article,by a slip of the pen,I credited Miss Alice Lufkin with having married Benjamin Merchant.It should have read Epes W.Merchant.

George E.Merchant

"Note,This Epes W.Merchant,referred to in the above P.S. was the son of James Marchant and Mary Friend.He was b.March 15,1827 and d.Nov.29,1857. Our historian nearly always spelled the name MERchant." (F.R.M.)

The next article was written for the Times on Aug.10,1892.

GLOUCESTER,MILITIA MATTERS,THREE

SCORE YEARS AND TEN AGO

MUNITIONS OF WAR - OFFICERS OF THE SECOND REGIMENT

REGIMENTAL MUSTER

Copy of a return from the Selectmen of this town.(Glou.Aug.16,1822)
Col.Issac Dennison of the 2nd Regt.1Brig.2nd Div.M.M.

Sir; Agreeable to the 8th section of the law regulating the training and governing the Militia of Mass.,passed Feb.21,1822.
We make the following return;
That there is belonging to the town of Gloucester and in the possession of the selectmen,munitions as follows,viz:

18 (Eighteen tin),camp kettles
500 musket balls
500 flints
8 muskets,etc.

Benj.A.Stacy
Samuel Pearce
Wm Beach
(Selectmen of Gloucester)

Writings of George E.Merchant (Militia matters continued)

"Roster of officers in the 2nd Regt.1st Brig.2nd Div. Massachusetts Militia,Gloucester,Oct.1822."

Colonels	Dates of Commision
Isaac Dennison Col.	Nov.4,1820
Elijah Haskell Lt.Col.	Sept.15,1821
William Pool Major	March 17,1821
Captains	
Timothy R.Davis	June 1,1818
Epes Marchant	Sept.26,1818
Isaac Tucker	Oct.24,1818
Josua Gott Jun.	Aug.12,1820
Thomas Ireland	Sept.15,1821
John Davis	Nov.26,1821
Walter Knowlton	April 6,1822
Lieutenants	
Charles Norwood	June 1,1818
Elisha Brown	Sept.26,1818
John Blatchford	Sept.9,1820
Matthew Gaffney	Sept.15,1821
David Dennison	Sept.15,1821
George Haskell	Nov.26,1821
Ensigns	
Calvin Swift	Sept.26,1818
John Mason	Sept.15,1821
Eleazer Stillman	Sept.15,1821
Silas Bray	Nov.26,1821
Winthrop Pool	April 6,1822
Josiah Haskell Jun.	April 6,1822
David Lufkin	1822
Staff	
William Coffin Surgeon	Oct.5,1793
D.W.Rogers Adjutant	Feb.22,1817
Ebenr. Dale S.Mate	Sept.13,1819
David Jewett Chap.	Aug.28,1822
Saml. Lane Paymaster	Aug.28,1822
Geo. Dennison Qr.Master	Aug.28,1822
Obadiah Woodbury Sergt.Major	---------

The annual Regimental Muster was held Oct.8th 1822, "On the Common near the Town Parish Meeting House",in regard to which the Adjutant makes the following remarks;

"Agreeably to orders the Regiment assembled on the Town Parade,the morning gave the appearence of a rainy day,but it proved quite fair.The nembers were smaller than usual,making 16 platoons of 10 each,the usual ceremonies were performed and the Regt.inspected by Lt.Barton,acting Brig.Major and Inspector,reviewed by Gen.Appleton after which the officers marched to the harbor and partook of an excellent dinner in company with the General and suit prepared by Maj.Mason -

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The line being again formed,a few maneuvers were performed together with the firings which last were very good - on the whole it may be said the regiment never appeared to a greater disadvantage,the music being very slim,having only one fife in the ranks and that belonging to the Jackson Guards.Captain Merchant and Captain Irelands Company came on Parade without any music whatever - there seems to be a general depreciation in the regiment of disapline and equipments,Capt.Ireland's Company excepted (West Ward) - but the others with few exceptions (say Captain Davis Company,West Parish) seem'd to be,regardless of order and everything else.The Squam Company in particuler, who mustered only 25 men and some of them without cartridge boxes,bayonets,knapsacks and hardly a gun.The General in his address to the officers,cast some severe reflections,but all avails nothing so long as the Militia system is so unpopular among many,there seems to be no stimulus for taking a commission and those that do,enlist as easily as possible,so ends the muster for 1822.

The next article written for the Times --- 1892

MILITIA MATTERS SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

REGIMENTS AND COMPANY ROLLS

MAJOR POOL'S COMMISSION

"Roster of officers in the second regiment 1st Brigade 2nd Division Massachusetts Militia,Oct.1818

	Dates of Commision
Col.Benjamin Haskell Jun.	April 7,1818
Lt.Col.Charles Eaton	April 7,1818
Major Isaac Dennison Jun.	Sept.12,1818
Captain Ebenezer Tarr	Sept.23,1815
" William Goss Jun.	March 28,1816
" William Proctor Jun.	May 30,1817
" Edward Currier	------
" Timothy R.Davis	June 1,1818
" Epes Marchant	Sept.26,1818
" Reuben Patch	Sept.26,1818
Lieutenants	
" John Jumper	Sept.23,1815
" Solomon Tarr	March 28,1816
" Elijah Haskell	May 30,1817
" Charles Norwood	June 1,1818
" William Pulcifer	June 1,1818
" Thomas Ireland	Aug.15,1818
" William Hodgkins	Sept.26,1818
" Elisha Brown	Sept.26,1818

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Ensigns

"	Nathan Norwood	Sept.23,1815
"	John Blatchford	March 28,1816
"	John Davis	May 30,1817
"	William Pool	June 1,1818
"	Asa Woodbury	Sept.26,1818
"	Calvin Swift	Sept.26,1818

Staff Officers

"	William Coffin,surgeon	Oct.5,1793
"	James Goss,surgeon,mate	Oct.7,1803
"	Jacob Parsons,Qr.Master	Oct.11,1813
"	Thomas Jones,Chaplain	1818
"	D.W.Rogers,Adjutant	Jan.27,1817
"	--- A.Kimball,Paymaster	Sept.12,1818

A return of the Jackson Guards,Captain William Goss Jun.
Officers - William Goss Jun.,Solomon Tarr,John Blatchford.
Sergeants - John Haskell,John Cunningham,John Parsons,John Foster.
Corporals - John Davis,Henry Blatchford,Ethen Pool,Zebulon R. Davis.
Privates - William P.Burnes,John Bagley,Ebenr Blatchford,John Cleaveland,William Clark,David Doesett,Felex Doval, Allen Goss,William Gorday,William B.Haskins,David Lowe,Walter Knowlton,James Lowe,Josiah Haskell,Morris Hodgkins,Nathaniel Lowe,--- Morse,George Rowe,George Robards,--- Rowe Jun.,John Rowe,Peter Stillman Jun., Joshua Tarr,Jonathan Tarr,Thomas ---,Joseph Thurston, Philip Webber,Thomas York.

"A true copy from the original,April 1820"
D.W.Rogers Adjt.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS GLOUCESTER,MARCH 3,1821

Adjt.D.W.Rogers

Sir: You are hereby required to notify the captains and --- of 2nd Regiment to appear at Capt.Josiah Haskell's Tavern at S.Bay on Saturday the seventeenth instant at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a Lieut.Col. and Major.

Signed Isaac Dennison Jr.
Col.

March 5,1821
----- ed orders immediately in conformity to the above.
D.W.Rogers Adj.

Agreable to Regt.Orders of the 3rd March,the officers assembled at Capt.Haskell's.
13 Captains and ----- were present.
Proceeded to ballot for Lt.Colonel.
Ensign W.Pool had 13 votes --- declined.
2nd ballot Lt.Charles Norwood 13 do.
3rd Captain T.R.Davis 13 do.
4th Capt.E.Haskell 13,not being present his answer was not

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obtained,has since declined.
Proceeded to ballot for Maj.Enos W.Pool,had 13 votes and has since accepted the office.

(Copy of Major Pool's Commission)

His Excellency,

JOHN BROOKS

Governor and Commander in Chief of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

"To William Pool Esquire;Greeting; You having been elected on the seventeenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty one,Major in the Second Regiment of,in the first Brigade,and Second Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth; reposing special trust and confidence in your ability,courage, and good conduct,I do by these Presents,Commission you accordingly. You will therefore,with honour and fidelity,discharge the duties of said office,according to the Laws of this Commonwealth, and to Military Rule and Disapline.And all inferior officers and soldiers are commanded to obey you in your said capacity; and you willyourself observe and follow such orders and instructions, as you shall,from time to time,recieve from the Commander in Chief,or others,your Superior Officers.

"Given under my hand,and the seal of the Commonwealth,the twenty eighth day of May,in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one and in the forty fifth year of the independence of the United States of America."

By His Excellency,the Governor,

ALDEN BRADFORD

Secretary of the Commonwealth

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS"

"This may certify,that William Pool commissioned as within, on this thirteenth day of July A.D. 1821,personaly appeared and took and subscribed the Oaths and Declarations re ---- by the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth,and a Law of the United States to qualify him to discharge the duties of his office."

Before me,

JOHN SMITH JR.

Brig.Maj.1B.2D.

Writings of George E.Merchant (Miss. Articles)

The article below,was written in 1907 for the "Woman's Club Paper".

HADDOCK

"The haddick is the finest fish that swims",says a loquacious fisherman: "you can tell him by them two dark spots,one back of each gill; thats where the Devil ketched holt of him an says, "Haddick,I've got yer now." "No yer don't; says the haddick." An with that,he slips right out of the Old Boy's fingers an swims off.See them stripes down his sides.Them's the marks of the fingers."

The following article undated;

SPOKE AT TUFTS COLLEGE

ENGINEER SPOONER GAVE INTERESTING TALK ON CANAL SUBWAY.

Engineer Herman W.Spooner,of the water department,gave an illustrated lecture before the Engineers Society of Tufts College last night.some 50 or more slides made from photographs taken during the progress of the work on the subway at the Cut being used.With the aid of these slides a graphic description of the difficulties and dangers encountered in the work was given,which was listened to with close attention.

Incidental to the lecture,Mr.Spooner told the story of the black cat,which came upon the work when the prospect of its completion seemed the darkest,and showed pictures of the kittens,which it was claimed,brought such good luck to the workers.

At the close of the talk,Mr.Spooner was heartly applauded and given a unanimous vote of thanks.

Chairman Merchant,who was also present was called upon by President Burnham of the Society,and after endorsing what had already been said as to the character of the work done,paid a high tribute to the ability of Engineer Spooner,who he claimed had been too modest by half in the matter for his part in planning the structure,and also to the contractors,Messrs.Gow and Palmer,and the workman,claiming that the latter had litteraly taken their lives in their hands in order that the tunnel might become the success it had.He also extended an invitation to the students,on behalf of himself and associates on the board, at any time to inspect the subway,for which he also recieved a vote of thanks.

Among those who listened to the speakers was Prof.William L.Hooper,A.M.PH.D.,himself a Gloucester native and a graduate of the Gloucester High School in 1872,who personaly extended congratulations to Mr.Spooner for the manner in which the subject of subaqueous tunnel construction had been presented.

Both Engineer Spooner and Chairman Merchant spent the night on College Hill,as guests of Ernest H. and George E.Merchant Jr., and this forenoon were shown over the college grounds and buildings.

Writings of George E.Merchant

The following was written for a newspaper,probably the Times,part of it is missing and no date found on the original clipping.

GLOUCESTER POETS AND POEMS

MANY WRITERS OF NOTE AMONG HER SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The following is the very instructive and entertaing paper on "Poets and Poems of Gloucester",written and read by John Cunningham before the Amarita Society at its meeting on Wednesday evening.

It may be poetical to ask one to give an account of the poets and poems of Gloucester,in the time allotted to me tonight,but it is not practicable nor possible to do so,except in the merest outline.

First of all,as John G.Sage says;

"Not every man can be a poet,
Not every sheep can be a goat,"

but we have endeavored to select a few of the names of many of those who have done honor to Gloucester in this particular line.

All of you,at some time in your life,if you will be honest, have felt the "poetical affiatus" and endeavored to burst forth into song,but perhaps for some reason have been stilled,and you still remain mute.The writer was struck late in life,and one Sunday,years ago,while the sermon dragged,he heard the bell of St.Ann's tolling,and before he knew it,he had written on the fly leaf of the hymn book the following stanza,which some belated antiquarian discover will attribute to a second Tennyson,just as the higher critics claim there is a second Isaiah;

"Oh,the bells of St.Ann's
They bring rest to my soul
While on life's shifting sands
I hear their sweet toll."

I took the poetic license of bells,but I do not know that they have more than one,unless it is the bell of the parochial school that the Sisters ring when they want the young hopefuls to come in.However,I think it is one of the finest things in the English language.

Now for the poets;

The Sargent Family

First,the Sargent family,Epes,John,Osborne,Lucis M.,and Judith, daughter -------

The remainder of this article is missing.

Writings of George E.Merchant (Written for the Times,Jan.16,1907)

GLOSTER DALTON

Messrs.Editors; In my account of the landing of certain Revolutionary war prisoners in 1782,published in the Times on Friday,mention was made of a certain "Gloster Dalton",who furnished supplies or aided the sick men,of whom I expressed the suggestion that he might be a black man who had been given his freedom by some citizen of the town.A friend who read the account has kindly furnished me with an extract from Rev.Dr. Eddy's "History of Universalism in Gloucester",in which Dalton's name appears among the signers of the "Charter of Compact" adopted by the male portion of the congregation of Rev.Mr.Murray, September 14,1785,and which was engrossed on parchment and is now hanging on the wall in one of the rooms at the Independent Christian Church. (see page 280)

In commenting on the compact and its signers,Rev.Dr.Eddy says;

"One humble colored man,the only one of his race whose name appears among these signers,deserves here,both on his own account,since he has no other earthly record,and also as showing the sympathetic company in which he found himself placed by joining the Universalist Society." The mention made by Mr.Jones in recording the fact of his death and burial.

"April 11,1813,Gloster Dalton,an African,in this country from a youth,supposed to be 90 years old,or upwards.The said Gloster Dalton was an honest,industrious man.He had been infirm for about two or three years.He was a believer in Jesus Christ,the Savior of the world,and belonged to the Independent Christian Church (Society) many years.He was a native of Africa and brought away as a slave (so called).For there are no slaves ! All men are born free ! ! !"

T.JONES

This certainly settles the question and points the moral that this humble black man,brought from far off African shores,was a most worthy citizen of his adopted place of residence.The reverend "T.JONES",as was his modest way of signing his name,must be credited with having advanced ideas upon the slavery question,and which were not fully in accord with the ideas of the people as a whole of his time.

It's also an interesting bit of history that an African slave should have been the instrument with others in the hands of G-d in the establishment of a new church in Gloucester and America.

Writings of George E.Merchant

The following was written for the "Bulletin" on March 10,1880.It concerns the death of H.C.Leonard,a pastor of the Squam Church or third church.Do not confuse with Father Ezra Leonard who was so popular in that church and community,and who was there so many years previously.

DEATH OF REV.H.C.LEONARD

Rev.Henry C.Leonard,pastor of the Universalist Church at Annisquam,died on Sunday morning at 7 o'clock at his residence at Pigeon Cove,after a painful illness of several months,during which he has manifested great patience and a willingness to submit to Him whose word he has preached for many years.Mr. Leonard was born at Northwood,N.H. on the 25th of April,1818, and was consequently nearly 62 years of age.He was a graduate of Atkinson Academy,and afterwards studied for the ministry with Rev.Henry Bacon,of Marblehead.He was ordained in 1841, and his first settlement was over the Universalist Parish at West Gloucester,where he remained only three months,his next settlement being at Thomaston,Maine,where he remained two years. From there he came to Rockport and preached for the First Universalist Society for about three years.Concluding his labors there,he then settled at Orono,Maine,where he remained eight years,and was afterwards eight years at Waterville,where he was also editor of the "Gospel Banner".At the breaking out of the rebellion,he entered the Third Maine Infantry,under Col.O. O.Howard,as chaplain,being afterwards transferred to the First Maine Artillery,with whom he served through the war,and at its close settled at Albany,where he preached three years,thence to Philadelphia where he remained two years.He was afterwards at Stephens Plains two years,and professor of belles-letters at Westbrook Seminary,and at one time was engaged as editor of the "Universalist" for one year.For the past four years he has been pastor of the Annisquam Parish.For the last seven years he has been a member of the school committee of Rockport,being superintendent three years,for which position he was eminently fitted, and was greatly loved and respected by the scholars who were ever pleased to see his pleasant face.While at Waterville,he was Grand Chaplin of the Grand Lodge of Masons of that state. He was the publisher of a neat little volume entitled "Pigeon Cove and Vicinity",a collection of sermons under the title of "Sheaves from a Pastor's Field",and numerous beautiful poems. He was a lover of birds whose habits he constantly studied, and whose advent in the spring was quickest discovered by him. He prepared an excellent lecture on birds,which was delivered by him in numerous places.

The funeral services will be held at Pigeon Cove at 10 o'clock this forenoon,and at the Annisquam Church at 1:30 this afternoon.

Writings of George E.Merchant (Death of Rev.H.C.Leonard continued)

As a token of the regard in which he was held by those best acquainted with him,we insert below a communication from a member of his church.

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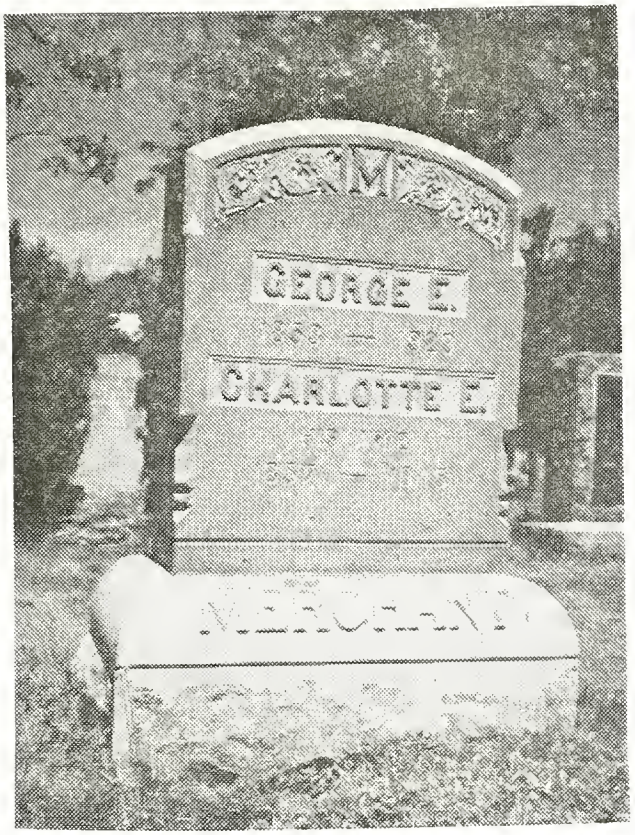
The leaden sky,the low-lying clouds,and sombre grey of the wintry heavens of last Sabbath were fitting symbols of the gloom and sadness which fell upon our people like a pall,when early in the day came to us the sorrowful news that our beloved pastor,and genial,noble christian minister was sleeping the sleep that knows no earthly waking,dead in the dear hours he loved so well.We had feared the worst,we had told ourselves that he would break for us no more the Bread of Life,or gently lead us to the living fountain,whose waters are for the healing of the nations,but we believed it not.Hope which springs undying ever told us that all would yet be well,and all is well,even though our tears fall hot and fast,as we say it,even though that big,loving heart is stilled by the touch of death,the stalwart form,seemingly bluff and strong,as some brave Viking of the stormy north laid prostrate and the kindly voice hushed forever,even though in croft and dell,on hill and mount,by sea and river,the tender green of the early spring is faintly showing ,and the eyes that would have lovingly marked the yearly miracle are closed,though all the changing seasons,with sparkle and glimmer,with sheen of silver and yellow of gold,with green and gray,with amber and purple,light of opal and whiteness of pearls,pass on in their regal pomp unmarked by him,who saw every change,and drew from all such lessons of beauty and trust.He loved this old earth of ours in all her varing aspects,and she will take him tenderly to her broad breast,and the flowers who were his friends,close and familiah,shall star the green turf above his narrow bed,while old ocean rolls her ceaseless dirge for the unconscious sleeper,and G-d's blue heavens bend graciously above his lowly resting place.Yes,it is well with him.He has crossed the deep waters and climbed the eastern slope,he has found the glorious country of which we only dream,and for him, no more are dreary days and sleepless nights of wearing pain. Not for him will we weep but for ourselves.We have lost our friend and shall miss his genial presence in church and home, in weekly toils and Sabbath calm.Surely never were our people more sorely afflicted.One little year ago with heavy hearts we bowed to the stroke which took from us our trusted phyician. He who came to us in hours of pain and anguish,and wooed with gentle skill health back to the tortured body or sorrowed with us and for us when death claimed our loved ones for his own. And now there is another vacancy in our little band.We are few in number and can hardly spare such men.Rapidly the roll of our dead lengthens;from pulpit and pew have they gone,the tried and the true,and no one comes to take their vacant places.Of the many ministers who have been settled over this parish I can recall but three or at the most four who still

Writings of George E.Merchant (Death of Rev.H.C.Leonard continued)

tread this earth.Newhall,Gunnison,Coffin,Partridge,Willis,and Leonard have finished the fight and won the crown and the old church is filled with memories.Each recurring Sabbath,the vacant pews seem purpled with a shadowy throng.Strong men and earnest women,sweet children and happy youth,and from the pulpit, voices long since hushed in death,speak to us,the meagre remnant of a once strong congregation.

On Wednesday,from the old sanctuary,we shall reverently bear our friend and pastor to his resting place,by the sounding sea,and sorrowing,but not as those who have no hope,leave him there to his dreamless slumbers.

"Servant of G-d ! Farewell,
Thy fight is fought,the victory o'er,
Henceforth for thee is peace and rest,
and an undying crown."



Mt.Pleasant Cemetery - East Gloucester

G.E.M. found his resting place here.

The following article was included in the booklet "THE MERCHANTS OF CAPE ANN" by G.E.M. in 1914.It gives somewhat of an explanation of genealogy and how the subject is viewed by those involved with it. G.E.M. saw fit to include it in his writtings and we will include it here. (F.R.M.)

"It sometimes seems as if Genealogy were a sort of contagious disease, the germs of which lie dormant in ancient records,and are propagated by the art of the printer;and it often happens that the innocent victim,while satisfying a mere curiosity by looking for some single fact,becomes infected, and soon developes the fever in its most violent form.He never recovers,for the disease is incurable;and it is in this way that the best Genealogist is made.He gives to all his spare moments,and many that he cannot spare.He pursues his own ancestors to the ends of the earth,and then comes back and begins on his wife's.Some live long enough to do both.It depends largely on what kind of a compromise one can make with his conscience,to enable himself to leave some things undone.For,although in theory genealogy is an exact science,in practice it is most variable and imperfect.A complete genealogy of a family has never been written, - and never will be.Early records are comparatively meagre,and once written in that way they can never be perfected."

OTIS G. HAMMOND,in the Magazine of History,1907.

(The following 2 pages are represenative of G.E.M.'s notes and handwritting.)

G.E.M.'s orginal notes, see page 90-91.

Nathaniel Merchant-

1810, Mar 5, Li bond sch Lion, 20 19/95 tons, Nathl Mer owner and master, Elias signed bond

1805 Boat-Lion 20 21/95 tons Nathl Mer owner and master

1803 Li bond, Oct 5, boat Lion, 20 19/95 tons, "built - this present day and year," Nathl Mer master

East-Ward tax list; 1801 — date not-sure

Nathaniel Merchant; $625.00

East-Ward, tax 1818.

House, land	300
Fish house, flakes & yard	175
Home & land of Elias Atwell	300 —(?)
Boat-Ranger, 3 y 23 t.	360
1/2 boat-Wasp. 4 y 23 t	190
1 cow 1 swine	19
Cash in trade	50
	1454
	1131
	323

East-Ward 1816 —

Nathl Merchant tax

New house & land	450
Boat-Ranger 24 23 t	380
1/2 boat-Wasp, 24 ~~23~~ t	200
Boat-America, 24 19 t	350
Fish yard & House	175
	1555

G.E.M.'s original notes, see page 197.

Addison Merchant (1)

Estate appr. by John Pew
Joseph Freund
Joseph O. Proctor

Real estate	7.950.00
Personal	27.363.26
	35.313 26

in 1867 - Same appr.

Real —	7.950.00
Per —	25.939.43
	33 889 43

In 1868 - additional Real estate	2 310.00
	36.199 43

a total of

Will — to wife 1/2 of all property, after debts are paid, together with 1/2 of all property in existence on death of his mother, one to make her own selection at appraisal.

Bal of 1/2 to Epes to hold in trust for dau. Catherine 1/2 and 1/2 to her children, except that legacies to be paid also out of this half.

1000 to grand dau. Mary Alice Stevens held in trust

To dau Catherine, the house on the hill during her life, then to the children

500 to Baptist Home Missions
400 to Baptist Foreign Missions
100 to 1st Baptist Sunday School

"The L-rd created medicines from
the earth,
and a sensible man will not despise
them.
And he gave skill to men
that he might be glorified in
his marvelous works.
By them he heals and takes away
pain;
the pharmacist makes of them a
compound.
His works will never be finished;
and from him health is upon
the face of the earth."

Sirach 38:4,6-8

ROBERT DOUGLASS MERCHANT Was the son of Roy Douglass Merchant and Laura Doleman Hiltz.He was b.Nov.1,1913 at Winthrop,Mass. and m.Oct.7,1939 Muriel B. Leuchsenring at Worcester.Muriel was age 23 and he age 25 at marriage. She was b.June 2,1916 in New Bedford,Mass.and is dau. of Robert Leuchsenring and Ethel Kanuse and is living now in Danvers,Mass. (1986 at age 69) Robert d.Sept.9, 1984(Danvers) of "cardiogenic shock" "acute anterior myocardeal infarction" and "atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease" at age 70y.10m.8d. His body was "cremated" and later his ashes removed to Oak Grove Cemetery lot # 514 where his parents and grandparents were also buried.

Robert graduated from Bridgton Accademy in Maine in 1932 and from the Mass. College of Pharmacy,June 1938.Did Post Graduate Work in "Food,Water,& Milk Analysis,1939.

Enlisted in the U.S.Navy April 1944 and was discharged Jan.1946.

He thereafter persued his career in medicine,on Jan.1,1954 opened up a Pharmacy known as "Merchants Apochecary". His wife,Muriel writes the following;

> "as he used to say he 'started the business on 2 broken shoe strings' and built it in 27 years to a very professional operation.It was a plumbing shop previously and he designed it and worked on it himself.I worked with him all those years and they were very happy years. ------- We did very little socializing,spending most of our time with our family."

He sold the Pharmacy Dec.31,1980 after operating the business for 27 years.

He was a charter member of Rho Chi Honorary Society (1938) and Kappa Pri Fatemity,a Mason and 32nd Degree Shriner.He mentions his membership in a letter dated Dec.27,1982,in Freemasonary.He had taken notice that in writing the Devine name,that I observed the Jewish custom of ommitting the vowels. He writes;

> "This very ancient custom of not pronouncing the name of the

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diety happened to be familiar to me from one of the degrees in the Scotish Rite Freemasonary (4th-32nd).I used to be active in Freemasonary but havent been so for the last ten years."

During his latter years of his life became interested in genealogy,sometime before his retirement as his earlist writings on the subject were dated June 6,1979,and as noted,sold his business Dec.31,1980.Following is an extract from one of his letters on the subject of genealogy and then will continue with extracts which deal with other subjects ;

GENEALOGY

"What I am doing is an 'Ancestral History' but is often called techicnally incorrect,genealogy.This system was invented by the Mormons,who for religious reasons,have an intense interest in their ancestery. ---------- I studied this system a few years ago after taking a course in 'Genealogy',at the North Shore Community College.It was a short non-credit course, taught by an older woman genealogist.My work was a couple of years along when I came into possession of a mass of material on the Merchant line.It was a badly shuffled genealogy of Jabez Merchant.As this was past to present (1929) and my records (ancestrial history) runs present to past,it was with some difficulity that I squeezed his records into mine resulting in two large three ring binders of the Merchant tribe."

Oct.22,1983

DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST

"I generally avoid discussion of religion and politics in my correspondence in genealogy as both are a cause of discord, however if you wish I will comment on the enclosers,but should warn you that your and my philosophical and religious views are widely different."

Dec.9,1982

RELIGIOUS VIEW

"I find nothing to convince me that Jesus was not a Jew.His parents were Jews as were his brothers and sisters.I regard such things as the Virgin Birth,the Holy Ghost and the Trinity, as pleasant fables,mythology pure and simple."

Dec.27,1982

"We were (or are) Humanists with no other religious following."

Wife Muriel 1985

OUR WORK - GENEALOGY & CEMETERY RESTORATION

"About the charges on copy and postage,I will absorb them as you have already spent a great deal on the gravesites of our ancestors.Although my interest in where they are buried is not

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as intense as yours.I do appreciate what you have done.I also much appreciate your requesting the information and preserving it.It is a comfort to me to know that even if my history of my grand-uncles records are lost,that there is another copy extant."

Jan.17-18,1983

"Am feeling much better and getting up and around.Went to Gloucester yesterday and visited Oak Grove.I was amazed at the transformation of the Epes section.What was once a mass of tall grass,weeds and broken stones is now a fine looking neat lot. Well done !

Dec.9,1982

(In the above quote,Robert is referring to the Epes Merchant lot #142 shortly after I had finished restoring it)

HEALTH

"This is the third cardiac problem I have had.In 1980,I had my first one (myocardial infaxtion),the second one was (atrisl fibrillation) caused by arterioschterotic heart disease and this last one was (congestive heart failure) which means that the output of the heart is insuficient for the bodies needs resulting in fluid retention in various tissues and a weakness of the body on any effort.I won't bore you with all the details except to note that recently I feel a bit improved."

Sept.14,1983

LAST DAYS

"Have been incapacitated recently,am improving and will answer your letters before long."

Feb.3,1984

"We have had some very hot and muggy days which is not good for him,but staying in his air conditioned room helps.He goes out very seldom."

Wife Muriel Sept.4,1984

"It is with sorrow and sadness that I write you of Bob's death on Sept.9,I miss him so much as do our children who were all here with him at the end."

Wife Muriel Sept.17,1984

Robert D.Merchant and his wife,Muriel B.Leuchsenring begot the following;

CHILD NO.1.ROY DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1940 more p.303

CHILD NO.2.FREDRIC ORLANDO MERCHANT b.June 9,1942 more p.303

CHILD NO.3.SHIRLEY ETHELYN MERCHANT b.March 11,1946 more p.304

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Their fourth and last child was;

CHILD NO.4.ANN MERCHANT b.March 3,1948 in Gloucester,was named after Cape Ann. She was married and later divorced,there were no children.(No name of her husband or date of marriage) In 1985,she has resumed her maiden name,Merchant, and is studying "occupational therapy".

The obituary of Robert D.Merchant follows;

ROBERT D.MERCHANT

OWNED DANVERS APOTHECARY

DANVERS - Robert D.Merchant,70,of Danvers,the long time owner of Merchant's Apothecary in Danvers Center,died Sunday in Hunt Memorial Hospital here.Mr.Merchant had heart disease for several years.

Born in Winthrop where he grew and graduated from High School, he lived here for the past 35 years.He was a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1938 and did post-graduate work there in 1939.

Mr.Merchant was a fellow of the American College of Apothecaries.He became owner of "Merchant's Apothecary" in 1954 and retired in 1980 after selling his business.

In World War II,he served in the Navy.

A 32d Degree Mason,he was a member of the Mosaic Masonic Lodge here and the Royal Arch Chapter and the Alleppo Temple Shrine.

He also was a Rotarian and former member of the Danvers Kiwanis.

He leaves his wife,Muriel (Leuchsenring) of Danvers;two sons,Roy D. of Ohio and Frederic O.Merchant of Ohio;two daughters, Shirley E.Merchant and Ann Merchant,both of Danvers;a sister, Charlotte Bowen of Ft.Lauderdale,Fla.,and Wolfeboro,N.H.,and eight grandchildren.

A memorial funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the North Shore Unitarian-Universalist Church,323 Locust St., Danvers.

MERCHANT - Of Danvers,Sept.9,Robert Douglass Merchant,husband of Muriel B. (Leuchsenring) Merchant of 14 East Street,age 70 years.Father of Roy Douglass Merchant and Frederic O.Merchant, both of Ohio;Shirley Merchant and Ann Merchant,both of Danvers. Memorial Funeral Service will be held Wednesday in the Unitarian Universalist North Shore Church,323 Locust St.Danvers at 2 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.There are no visiting hours.In lieu of flowers,memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian-Universalist North Shore Church,Locust St.,Danvers. Arrangements by The Lee,Moody & Russell Funeral Home,9 Dane St., Beverly.

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We hereby include a few quotes from those who knew cousin Robert,and such statements explain him to those who will come after.

"He was kind,intelligent and humorous"
"He was not a party person - We did very little socializing spending most of our time with our family"

His wife Muriel

"He is a retired pharmacist and spends a lot of time on his ancestors"

Russell C.Merchant

"Mr.Merchant is retired,a delightful person,and has made genealogy his hobby"

Louise M.Stephens

"Bob Merchant was a friend who often visited us here at the Archives"

Danvers Public Library

"He was through and dedicated,a splendid teacher"

Frank R.Merchant

The histories of his children follow;

CHILD NO.1.ROY DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Dec.14,1940 and m.May 13,1965 Irene Mancillas who was b.July 13,1943 (from Texas).She was the daughter of -----. This couple were divorced and Roy m.Phyllis Ann Tucker on Sept.29,1972.Phyllis (from Ohio) was b.June 2,1936 and was the dau. of John Merideth Tucker b.July 17,1908 and Essa Bernice Baily b.Nov.14,1905.

Roy inlisted in the U.S.Air Force Feb.6,1959 and was discharged Dec.2,1962. He was in Morocco for two years.

He graduated from the University of Texas (at El Paso) May 27,1967 and has a B.S. in Education,a Masters Degree in Applied English Linquistics 1968. He worked on his P.H.D. for two years.

From his 1st marriage to Irene Mancillas; they begot;

CHILD I LAURA ANN MERCHANT b.Sept.12,1967 (in Ohio)

CHILD II REBECCA DIANE MERCHANT b.June 13,1969 (Kano,Nigeria)

From his 2nd marriage to Phyllis Ann Tucker; they begot;

CHILD III SUZANNE ELAINE MERCHANT b. Feb.16,1975 (in Ohio)

CHILD IV ROBERT DOUGLASS MERCHANT b.Jan.13,1980 (in Ohio)

CHILD NO.2.FREDRIC ORLANDO MERCHANT b.June 9,1942 and m.Jan.1,1968 Nancy Low Ginniver who was b.June 22,1948 at Mansfield,Ohio.She was the dau. of Stanley Alexanda Ginniver b.Aug.4,1919 and Margurite Swan b.Nov.30,1920.

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CHILD NO.2.FREDRIC O.MERCHANT(1942-) & NANCY L.GINNIVER(1948-)

Fredric inlisted in the U.S.Army July 25,1962 and was discharged April 12, 1965,serving in Pakistan for one year.

He graduated from the University of Akron.Ohio Dec.13,1970 and has a B.S. in Electrical Engeneering.

Fredric and his wife,Nancy L.Ginniver begot;

CHILD I ROBIN LYN MERCHANT b.Aug.21,1968

CHILD II MICHAEL FREDRIC MERCHANT b.Aug.17,1972

CHILD NO.3.SHIRLEY ETHELYN MERCHANT b.March 11,1946 and m.May 1964 Alan Hyde who was son of Walter Hyde and Helen ----. Alan was b.Nov.3,1945. This couple divorced and Shirley later remarried to Felix Stratman from Missouri. No date on the marriage and no children.She again divorced and resumed her maiden name Merchant,and is presently studying "operating room Technician". Shirley and her first husband,Alan Hyde begot;

CHILD I DAVID ALAN HYDE b.Jan.9,1965 (in Bangkok,Thailand)

CHILD II CHERYL ANN HYDE b.Sept.11,1966 (in Bangkok,Thailand) In 1985 is working as a Printer at age 19.

A personal note from F.R.M.

This work on our family or ancestrial history was begun in 1889 by our first historian,(G.E.M.) and after his death in 1929 was laid away in an attic for 50 years,and in 1979 was recovered by our second historian (R.D.M.) and he thus organized them into genealogical records. I find it a miracle that these records of our past were not lost forever when stored away and again another miracle that R.D.M. came into possession of this work and had the spirit to continue thereafter in such work.

Now let us consider further miraclous events in the course of the work. R.D.M.'s first writing on the Merchant genealogy ,from his notes,was June 6,1979 and was on the history of his great grandfather,George Merchant Jr. Now in 1977, I had begun work on restoring our family burial grounds here in Maine and on June 10,1979 went to Gloucester to further such work as can be found at the Beechbrook Cemetery.The following spring I was seeking the burial place of my great grandfather,Gorham A.Merchant.Note,George Jr. and Gorham were brothers, making Robert and I third cousins,but at this time neither of us were aware of the other.In my seeking,I made contact with Russell C.Merchant who lives on Plum Street,Gloucester.He writing to me a letter on Nov.21,1980 informed me of R.D.M.'s work and on April 7,1981,I recieved my first letter from our historian.We thereafter exchanged letters,containing valuable information and telling of our work.R.D.M. sent me copies of his work sheets and on May 20,1984 we met at Oak Grove Cemetery,for the first and it was to be the last time in this life. It was here that he passed on to me the remainder of his work.Later in the week after I had them copied,I sent back the original and after recieved a card stating that he had recieved them. This card is copied and appears on the next page.

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Dear Frank
Packet arrived here o.k.
about noon May 30
just before I left for
Oak Grove.(I celebrate the
holiday on its original date.)

Will write & answer
your letter later.

R.D.M.

This card was to be our last communication for on Sept.9th he past away.It was dated May 31,1984.

In 1980 R.D.M. wrote about the work and his hopes for the future;

"I think that he (G.E.M.) would be pleased to know that his notes are being organized and typed up by a 67 year old grand nephew and copies being made,so that his forty years labor will be preserved and give pleasure to many of his collateral descendants,perhaps many now unborn."

In this work he found his own eternity.

"And ye shall be remembered
before the L-rd your G-d"

Numbers 10:9

In conclusion,I would like to introduce the old Hebrew custom into our family,of the observing of the anniversaring of the day of death,called the "Yahrzeit".I am not introducing our family into some strange and forbidden faith or religion but my intention is to preserve memory of our family and especialy of our historians.The observance of this custom if stubbornly carried out will be of tremendous spiritual value.

If you make such a decission,then you will first mark the day of death on your calender.

G.E.M. died March 22,1929 - circle March 22
R.D.M. died Sept.9,1984 - circle Sept.9

Then you will light a 24 hour candle on the evening previous at sunset,if a 24 hour candle can not be obtained use what you have only let it burn itself out.The flame is representative of the soul and as we look upon it we will remember. This custom will help us to fulfill the "Law of Remembrance" also it is true of other family members,father,mother,sisters,brothers,husband, wife or children.

F.R.M.

Ancestry of Robert D.Merchant

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Robert Douglass Merchant
b. Nov.1,1913
p.b. Winthrop,Mass.
m. Oct.7,1939
d. Sept.9,1984
p.d Danvers,Mass.

Muriel B.Leuchsenring (Spouse of No. 1)
b. June 2,1916 d.
p.b. New Bedford,Mass. p.d.

2 Roy Douglass Merchant (Father of No. 1)
b. Jan.19,1887
p.b. Glou.,Mass.
m. Jan.12,1911
d. Feb.3,1951
p.d Glou.,Mass.

3 Laura Doleman Hiltz (Mother of No. 1)
b. Aug.17,1889
p.b. Lockport,N.S.
d. June 15,1973
p.d. Ipswich,Mass.

4 Orlando Merchant (Father of No. 2)
b. Feb.12,1856
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Dec.6,1883
d. Sept.8,1930
p.d Danvers,Mass.

5 Charlotte Jane Gray (Mother of No. 2)
b. Nov.8,1860
p.b. Petite Riviere,N.S.
d. Oct.28,1909
p.d. Boston,Mass.

6 John A.Hiltz Jr. (Father of No. 3)
b. July 20,1857
p.b. Lockport,N.S.
m. Nov.16,1885
d. July 10,1923
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

7 Laura Ada Decker (Mother of No. 3)
b. May 12,1864
p.b. East Side,Ragged Is.N.S.
d. Nov.23,1938
p.d. Glou.,Mass.

8 George Merchant Jr. (Father of No. 4)
b. Aug.3,1828
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. March 5,1851
d. May 5,1906
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

9 Mary Douglass (Mother of No. 4)
b. Dec.8,1832
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
d. Nov.19,1923
p.d Glou.,Mass.

10 William Gray (Father of No. 5)
b. Dec.1,1828
p.b. Sambro,N.S.
m. Aug.22,1852
d. Sept.13,1885
p.d Glou.,Mass.

11 Charlotte Johnston (Mother of No. 5)
b. Feb.14,1836
p.b. Dartmouth,N.S.
d. May 23,1928
p.d. Gloucester,Mass.

12 John A.Hiltz (Father of No. 6)
b. 1824
p.b. Mahone Bay,N.S.
m.
d. Nov. 1909
p.d Lockport,N.S.

13 Annie McKenzie (Mother of No. 6)
b. 1826
p.b.
d. Nov. 1888
p.d. Lockport,N.S.

14 Andrew Decker (Father of No. 7)
b. June 16,1816
p.b. Little Harbour,N.S.
m. Oct.25,1838
d.
p.d

15 Lydia Matthews (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 George Merchant
b. Aug.11,1807 (Father of No. 8.
m. Nov.18,1826
d. Jan.14,1899

17 Lucy Norwood (Mother of No. 8.
b. Apr.22,1809
d. May 5,1860

18 Robert Douglass
b. Mar.13,1809 (Father of No. 9.
m. Dec.22,1831
d. Oct.6,1892

19 Mary Parsons (Mother of No. 9.
b. 1810
d. Dec.31,1832 (age 22)

20 William Gray
b. Mar.18,1800 (Father of No. 10.
m.
d.

21 Mary Richard (Mother of No. 10.
b. June 6,1800
d. July 29,1833

22 Robert M.Johnston
b.Apr. 1792 (Father of No. 11.
m. 1825
d. Nov.1843

23 Maxwell Black (Mother of No. 11.
b. 1807
d.July 1871

24 John Hiltz
b. (Father of No. 12.
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12.
b.
d.

26 James McKenzie
b. (Father of No. 13.
m.
d.

27 Jennie Hewett (Mother of No. 13.
b.
d.

28 John Decker
b. (Father of No. 14.
m.
d.

29 Rebecca Freude (Mother of No. 14.
b.
d.

30 Daniel Matthews
b. (Father of No. 15.
m.
d.

31 Jerusha Coleman (Mother of No. 15.
b.
d.

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Our second historian,
R.D.M. and his wife
Muriel

R.D.M. rests here
with his family

Oak Grove Cemetery

A portion of a letter written by (R.D.M.) to (F.R.M.) on Oct.24,1981.

Shortly after my discharge from the (1946) Navy W.W.II I visited Glouscester and noted a Merchants' barber shop on Main St. As I needed a hair cut I stopped in. It was a one man shop and as I recall it the barber in the course of our conversation mentioned that he was in the Navy in W.W.I. Later in the conversation I informed him that my name was also Merchant and he became intensly interested and asked me who my parents were. I told him then he rattled off my grandparents and many other relatives and ancestors. He seemed to be a walking encyclopedia of the Merchant clan. At the time I didn't have the slightest interest in ancestors; being a young man of 33 with a job to find and four small children to support. Now - Thirty-five years later - I became interested in ancestral history and am of the opinion that this man had some Merchant history and if I can find out who his descendants are perhaps it was handed down and it might be very useful, both to supplement my own records and perhaps find out some history on Gorham. Gorham + Albion were the 12th + 13th children of George + Lucy and only 3 years apart.

PART III

BY FRANK R. MERCHANT

The bulk of this section is the work of F.R.M.,however our first historian (G.E.M.) had recorded some of the data up to the birth of Hazel E.Merchant,Aug.15,1919 and had saved a newspaper clipping on the obituary of her grandfather,Joel Allen, Jan.31,1928,one year before his own death.(R.D.M.) our second historian,also made several contributions.

Gorham Alfred Merchant (1850-1897)

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--- GORHAM A. MERCHANT ---

"Man that is born of woman is of few
days and full of trouble"

Job 14:1

Gorham Alfred Merchant b.Nov.21,1850 at Gloucester,Mass. was the 12th child of George and Lucy (Norwood) Merchant.He d.Dec.27,1897 at the age of 47y.1m. 6d. of "phithisis pulmonalis" or in laymans terms T.B. On July 14,1871 at age 20,he married Mary Elizabeth Thurston age 15.The marriage service being performed by the Rev.Forrest Emerson.Mary was b.July 26,1855 in Gloucester and was the dau. of William H.Thurston and Mary Elizabeth Blatchford. She d.Sept.16,1879 at age 24,of a "malignant pustule".They lived on 12 Cross Street and no doubt Mary died there.

Gorham's marriage certificate records him as "a fisherman" and this is not unusual for most able bodied citizens of Gloucester were either fishermen or if other work was engaged in,it was in connection with the fisheries.Gorham was born into a family of fishermen.

His grandfather Epes Merchant and an uncle Epes W.Merchant had commenced in business for themselves about 1825,organized later under "Epes Merchant & Son" 1829-1848.Then as Epes retired from the business and Epes W. became director of the old Gloucester Bank,becoming president in 1871,the firm was reorganized under the name of "Messrs.A.Merchant & Company" by Addison,Samuel, and Gorham Merchant (these were uncles of our Gorham).This firm ended in 1860 after Samuel passed away,Gorham having died in 1849,so Addison discontinued the business.Upon the breaking up of the firm (once again) William T.Merchant, son of Samuel and his brother-in-law,James L.Shute established a successful business under the name "Shute & Merchant".This William was a first cousin to Gorham.At one time,this firm had 17 vessels under sail and hired 200 people during the busy season.In the early 1900s the business was confined to dealers,and before World War I folded up.William T.Merchant died in 1896 and James L.Shute,his partner died 1908.

When Gorham married in 1871,his father George was still at sea being then at the age of 64.George had become a "master mariner" early in life,had skippered many vessels and continued at sea until his early 80s.Four of his uncles (Gorham A.) were "master mariners",Epes W.,Henry,Samuel,and Gorham. His eldest brother,George Jr. also a master.A young uncle Benjamin,was lost at sea at the age of 16.Gorham A. likewise began his life as a fisherman as stated but later in life left the sea.There was a story in the family that he may have owned his own ship but doubtful as vessels were becoming more expensive,he may have attempted to buy into a vessel and failed at the attempt, which would explain why he left the sea.A letter is in existence,written by

his youngest son,Frank,and it reads: "my father was a fisherman,following the seas the early part of his life and in later years,he became a painter."

The photo on page 310 shows Gorham and a child,whom we believe to be his youngest son,Frank,who was born in 1879.(Mary also died in 1879) This would make the date about 1880 and Gorham would be age 30 and the child about 1 or perhaps 1 1/2 years. (R.D.M.) writes: "The uniform denotes Calvery and that he may have seen some western duty." Perhaps Gorham left the sea and inlisted in the Calvery and still later,after his discharge,went into painting.We may recall that in Chapter 5 that Sidney Merchant (child 6 of George and Lucy) established himself in the painting business.As Sidney was an elder brother and both was engaged in the work,it is a good posibility that they were together.

After Mary died in 1879,Gorham was age 28 and his 3 living sons were aged, 7,5,and 1 month old.They were taken in by Gorham's sister,Emily C.Merchant who had married Abraham Tarr.Emily was child 10 of George and Lucy.This amazing and courages womon had three of her own to care for about the same ages and no husband for he had died in 1878.But she took them in just the same and became their "Aunt Em". (See her history in chapter 5)

A newspaper item follows,dated Jan.30,1978,Mary was then alive and the family living on Cross Street.

SMALL FIRE

> On Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock,fire was discovered among a pile of cloths in the house of Mr.Gorham Marchant on Cross Street,having been communicated by a brand taken from the stove by a small child.The fire was extinguished by Mr.Fred Brown,after it had communicated to the woodwork.

Gorham was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery in lot # 142 where other members of his family are at rest.His grave had been marked by a small marble monument but vandels that plague the cemetery broke it off.In 1982,F.R.M. in restoring that cemetery lot,replaced it with a flat granite marker,and his grave is thus marked once again.An epitaph engraved on the marker reads;

"Oh my G-d,I trust in thee"

His obituary in the Times was very brief,it reads;

> MERCHANT - In this city,Dec.27,Mr.Gorham A.Merchant
> 47 years,1 month,6 days.

"he gathered up his feet into the bed,and yielded up the ghost,and was gathered unto his people."

Genesis 49:33

MARY ELIZABETH THURSTON - wife of Gorham

Mary,in early childhood,began life with fate against her it seems.She certainly beheld more than her share of grief in this life.Following is a list of her brothers and sisters that had died during those very early years;

William H.	died	1862	Mary	was	7	years	old
Flora	"	1864	"	"	9	"	"
Willie H.	"	1869	"	"	14	"	"
Frankie E.	"	1869	"	"	14	"	"
Abbie F.	"	1870	"	"	15	"	"

In 1866,her grandmother,Abigail Blatchford,died and Mary was not yet 11.In a spring gale her father was lost at sea on April 2,1871,Mary not yet 16.

William H.Thurston,age 40 master of the schooner "Seamans Pride" was lost on the Georges,the vessel went down,all hands lost to "Davy Jones Locker". We have a record below,word for word that which was printed in the Cape Ann Advertizer of April 21,1871,it reads;

> Schooner Seamans Pride sailed on the 25th.She had a crew list of ten men,as follows: William H.Thurston,master,leaves widow and two children; Joseph K.Balcim,leaves widow and one child; Charles Joseph,John Graves,Charles Anderson,Alvah W.Turner, James Hanlon,Joshua Allen,of Centrs Falls,R.I.,Gerthro Goodwin and Eldrige Goodwin,cousins,belonging in Maine,all single.
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> The schooner was 52.09 tons,built in Essex in 1852,and owned by Mr.Daniel Sayward.She was valued at $4000,and insured for $2625 in the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Office.

So we tend to speculate that because of so much grief,climaxing with the death of her father,that this young and impressionable girl of only 15,sought comfort in an early marriage to Gorham.She soon became the mother of four sons and discovered that the fates were still against her,for in 1878,only 7 years after her marriage,her third son,Sidney died,yet only 1 year old.Then in the following year in 1879 when her youngest son,Frank,was a little over 1 month old,she herself died at the age of 24.

The cause of her death as has been noted,was "malignant pustle".We have a family story that relates how that she had been bitten by a spider,this possibly became infected and resulted in her death. (R.D.M.) writes: The infection locallized into a pustle.Pustle is a pimple,boil or abscess exuding pus. Perhaps someone injudiciously squeezed or lanced it and the infection spread throughout the body.It is very unwise to squeeze the pus out of such things as it causes the walled off infection to spread."

Her obituary in the Cape Ann Advertizer was brief like that of Gorham who died 18 years later.It reads;

> MERCHANT - Mrs.Mary E.,wife of Gorham A.Merchant,
> 24 years,1 month,20 days.

She was removed to Oak Grove and buried in lot # 109 (Thurston lot) where her grandparents,brothers and sisters had gone before,her mother joining her there some years later. The epitaph on her monument reads;

> "We had her for a little while,but she has departed,
> for G-d hath called her to an eternal rest."

ANCESTRY OF MARY E.THURSTON
(wife of Gorham A.Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Mary E.Thurston
b. July 26,1855
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. July 14,1871
d. Sept.16,1879
p.d. Gloucester,Mass.

2 William H.Thurston (Father of No. 1)
b. Jan.1831
p.b.
m.
d. April 2,1871
p.d Georges Banks (lost at sea)

3 Mary E.Blatchford (Mother of No. 1)
b. 1837
p.b.
d. 1920
p.d.

(Spouse of No. 1)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

4 (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

5 (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

6 George Blatchford (Father of No. 3)
b. Feb.18,1805
p.b.
m. Nov.6,1827
d. May 1,1880
p.d

7 Abigail Smith (Mother of No. 3)
b. Jan.15,1807
p.b.
d. Nov.29,1866
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 Nathaniel Blatchford (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 Abigail ----- (Mother of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

14 (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
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p.d.

16 (Father of No. 8,
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17 (Mother of No. 8,
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18 (Father of No. 9,
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19 (Mother of No. 9,
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27 (Mother of No. 13,
b.
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28 (Father of No. 14,
b.
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29 (Mother of No. 14,
b.
d.

30 (Father of No. 15
b.
m.
d.

31 (Mother of No. 15,
b.
d.

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Gorham Alfred Merchant	1850-1897	Age 47y.

Wife

Mary Elizabeth Thurston	1855-1879	Age 24y.

This couple were married on July 14,1871 at Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.Gorham Alfred Merchant Jr.	1872-1961	Age 88y.
2.William Thurston Merchant	1874-1931	Age 57y.
3.Sidney Merchant	1877-1878	Age 1y.
4.Frank Merchant	1879-1960	Age 81y.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM ALFRED MERCHANT JR. b.Jan.28,1872 and m.July 20,1894 to Lelia M.Wonson at age 22 and she aged also 22.Lelia was b.Nov.11,1871 the dau. of Samuel Wonson and Mary A.Martin.She d.Sept.21,1964 of "cerebral thrombosis" at age 92y.10m.10d. Gorham d.Jan.22,1961 of "arteriosclerosis" at age 88y.0m.6d.

At the age of 19 went to work at the Cape Ann Anchor & Forge Company,where in time,became a "master machinist" and remained in the employment of this company for 49 years.He retired in 1940 at age 68.(He was steady and reliable, faithful to his employers and had the spirit of endurance.)After retiring,he became involved in several enterprizes,see his daughters writings which follow, and his obituary.He continued until ill health forced him to lay down his tools and he just could not work any more.

Below are statements written by his daughter,Priscilla to F.R.M.;

June 29,1980
"I don't know of any reason my father Gorham Jr. never talked,but remembering back he didn't communicate much anyway,nor did my mother."

July 30,1981
"My father,Gorham Jr. had a lending library for a time years ago and called it "Marchants Lending Library" I think.Guess it didn't last long.He also had a small grocery store in the other side of the house where I grew up.(Highland Street)".

August 27,1982
"My father was the typical macho male of the times I think - boss. He was a good provider,very hard worker,not religious at all,was the one (I think) who let my sister Doris,and me have piano lessons and me,later on,vocal lessons.We had a victrola and I think Nellie Melba records and some Hawaian. I dont think he ever read anything but newspapers,not intellectual at all.

He was meticulous in paying his bills I Know,and could fix anything I think and did.

He had a Graham Paige car once that he paid $1000 cash for,it was the apple of his eye. (She later writes) I think the G.P. was bought in the late 20's.

Gorham and his wife,Llia Wonson begot the following children;

CHILD I SADIE MARION MERCHANT b.July 6,1895 and d.June 4,1896 age 10m.28d. of "acute peritonitis" and was laid to rest at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery,East Glou.

CHILD II DORIS GRAY MERCHANT b.June 21,1897 more p.319

CHILD III PRISCILLA WONSON MERCHANT b.Sept.2,1901 more p.320

CHILD IV MERCHANT (boy) b.Sept.24,1907 He was stillborn.

Gorham died at the Addison Gilbert Hospital,then was removed to the Pike Funeral Home for a 'private funeral' which he requested.Then was taken to Salem to the Harmony Grove Creamatory for cremation.Then his ashes were buried in East Gloucester at Mt.Pleasant Cemetery.His wife Lelia joined him 3 years later in 1964 after also being cremated.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)(Gorham Jr.)

Obituary of Gorham A.Merchant Jan.23,1961 (Times)

GORHAM A. MERCHANT

Gorham Alfred Merchant Jr.,88,husband of Lelia (Wonson) Merchant of 19 Highland Street,died yesterday morning in the Addison Gilbert Hospital after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Gloucester,he was born here on January 28,1872,the son of the late Gorham A. and Mary (Thurston) Merchant.

He retired from the Cape Ann Anchor and Forge Company after 49 years there in 1940.He had served as a master machinist. He then conducted an oil burner and lawn mower sharpening business until ill health forced him to retire.

In addition to his widow,he is survived by two daughters, Doris G.,wife of John W.Black Jr. and Mrs.Priscilla Dann,both of Gloucester;nine grandchildren,16 great grandchildren and a niece.

As requested by the deceased,the funeral service will be private and will be held from the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.Cremation will follow in Harmony Grove,Salem,with interment to be held later in the family lot in Mt.Pleasant Cemetery.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9.At the family's request,please omit flowers.

Obituary of Lelia Wonson,wife of Gorham A.Merchant,from the Times,Sept.24,1964.

LELIA M.MARCHANT

Funeral services for Mrs.Lelia M.(Wonson) Marchant of 17 Madison Avenue,Gloucester,were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,Gloucester.

The Rev.Nelson Elliot of the East Gloucester Community Church officiated.G.Allyn Brown was the orhanist.

Following cremation at Harmony Grove Crematoriam,Salem, the ashes will be interred in the family lot at Mount Pleasant Cemetery,East Gloucester at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

As we have much concern for uncle Gorham,we wonder why that he requested a private funeral ? and why did he request to be cremated ? Others have chosen to do so but why ? It is not our custom,it is a practice that has come up of late but it is done by those who have primative religions.Modern thought has accepted the practice and modern liberal religion has backed up the doing of it. We will not seek here to answer these questions and or others concerning the issue but we will express our concern.We are much sadened by it all,for we feel that their bodies were desacrated and indeed they were.It is commanded in the Holy Scriptures "when you find any who are dead,commit them to the grave and mark it" 2 Esdras 2:23. It is forbidden to desacrate the body by mutalation,

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

(work of a physician) or by destroying it (which cremation does).It is the Devine law of G-d to inter the deceased as soon as possible after death and to do so in a most honourable and respectful manner.It should return to the earth in a natural manner,even as we write, (to enter into eternal sleep). We can only question these things as it would hardly be just to pass judgement upon one that is already deceased.

Our hearts should not be heavy for G-d will bring back those who are dead, from the grave,from dust or ashes,or from the sea,it matters not.In G-d's own due time,we shall behold our uncle Gorham once again,some for the first time, howbeit we shall see him.

"every craftsman and master workman
who labors by day as well as by night --
without them a city cannot be established
and men can neither sojourn nor live there --
they keep stable the fabric of the world"

Sirach 38:27,32,34

The obituary of Samuel Wonson,father-in-law of Gorham Jr.

SAMUEL G. WONSON

At 5 o'clock yesterday morning,Samuel G.Wonson,a member of one of Gloucester's oldest families,and a well known retired mariner,passed away at the home of his daughter,Mrs.Gorham A. Merchant of 17 Highland Street,after an illness following a shock a few months ago,at the age of 83 years.

Mr.Wonson was the son of Samuel G.Wonson of East Gloucester, and Mary (Pennington) Wonson of Isle O'Haute,Maine.He married Mary Ann Martin of East Gloucester,who with a daughter Nettie and son,Herman,passed away a number of years ago.Two children survive,Lelia,wife of Gorham A.Merchant of East Gloucester and Sadie,wife of Rev.Lewis G.Wilson of Westboro,also four grandchildren,Mrs.Herbert Stenstream of Bridgeport,Conn.,Asa G. Wonson,now in South America,Mrs.John Black Jr.,of East Gloucester and Mrs.S.Emerson Lourie of Yarmouth,Nova Scotia,and five great grandchildren.

Mr.Wonson was a regular attendant at the Universalist Church when it was established in East Gloucester,and with his family was among its staunch supporters.

The funeral services will be held from the home of his daughter,17 Highland Street,tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev.Lewis G.Wilson,a son-in-law,will conduct the service.

Times Dec.18,1923

The union of Gorham A.Merchant Jr. and Lelia Wonson was terminated by the death of Gorham,had lasted for 66 years and brought forth four children whom we have listed.We will now record the history of two of them as the other two had not survived.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD II DORIS GRAY MERCHANT b.June 21,1897 and m.June 3,1918 John W.Black at the age of 20,he being age 24.John was b.Abt.1894 and was the son of John W. Black and Annie Patillo Gorman.He was an attorney by profession and d.June 1, 1964 age Abt.70y. Doris d.Nov.5,1970 of "cancer,cerebral vascular insuffiency" and was age 73y.4m.14d.

Her sister writes, "she was always the strong one" but even so,man is of the earth and must return thither as it is written "and the dust returns to the earth as it was and the spirit returns to G-d who gave it."

Doris G.Merchant and her husband,John W.Black Jr. begot the following;

CHILD A PHILLIS G.BLACK b.April 4,1919 more p.320

CHILD B BARBARA P.BLACK

CHILD C BEVERLY B.BLACK

CHILD D JOHN WESTON BLACK

CHILD E DAVID E.BLACK

No data on child B through E,and perhaps these are not in order,being taken from their mother's obituary.

MRS.DORIS G.BLACK

Mrs.Doris G. (Merchant) Black,73,widow of Atty.John W.Black Jr.,of 17 Madison Ave.,died on Thursday morning at her residence following a brief period of failing health.

Born in Gloucester on June 21,1897,she was the daughter of Gorham A.Merchant and Lelia M. (Wonson) Merchant.

She was educated in local schools and at Lynn Burdett Business College.For many years she had been active on reunion committees for Gloucester High School "Class of 1915".

Mrs.Black was a member of the Martha Washington Chapter of the Eastern Star,and of the Unit 3 American Legion Auxiliary of which she had served as president.In both the Auxiliary and the 8 & 40,she had held county office.

A member of the Community Church of East Gloucester,from girlhood,she also was active in the Westly United Methodist Church.

Her civic interests included regular work at Ward 6-1 polls for the city.

She is survived by two daughters,Miss Barbara P.Black,of Gloucester and Beverly B.,wife of Lt.Col.Richard F.Lopes, U.S.A.F.,North Springfield,Va.,and Gloucester,two sons,John Weston Black,of Huntington L.I.,N.Y. and David E.Black of Columbus,Ohio,presently in West Berlin,Germany.

Another daughter,Miss Phillis G.Black,died on July 16,this

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD II DORIS G.MERCHANT(1897-1970) & JOHN W.BLACK(1894-1964)

Her obituary continues;

year.

She is also survived by a sister,Mrs.Priscilla Dann,of Gloucester,nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street.Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visiting hours at the funeral home are today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Nov.6,1970 (Times)

CHILD A PHILLIS G.BLACK b.April 4,1919 and d.July 16,1970 age 51y.3m.12d. (never married) Her obituary follows;

OBITUARY OF PHYLLIS G.BLACK

Miss Phyllis G.Black,51,of 17 Madison Ave.,Gloucester, formerly of Boston,died Thursday at the Addison Gilbert Hospital,Gloucester,following a lengthy illness.She was born in Gloucester,April 4,1919,daughter of Mrs.Doris G. (Merchant) Black and the late Attorney John W.Black.Jr.

Miss Black was educated in Gloucester Public Schools and graduated from Gloucester High School in the class of 1936. She was also a graduate of Mt.Holyoke College,class of 1940.

Miss Black worked for the Industrial Accident Board of the Commonwealth of Mass. for over twenty years.For many years she has been employed by the Board in the capacity of Hearing Stenographer.Prior to her employment there,she held several secretarial positions in Gloucester,including work during World War II with the Gloucester Rationing Board.

Miss Black was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Gloucester.In addition to her mother,Mrs.Doris G. (Merchant) Black,she is survived by two sisters,Miss Barbara P.Black of Gloucester and Beverly,wife of Lt.Col.Richard F. Lopes,U.S.A.F.,of No.Springfield,Virginia and Gloucester, and two brothers,John Weston Black III,of Huntington L.E.,N.Y., and David E.Black of Columbus,Ohio and several aunts,cousins, nieces and nephews.Her funeral will be held in the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,Gloucester,Saturday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in the family lot at the Oak Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

(Times) July 17,1970

CHILD III PRISCILLA WONSON MERCHANT b.Sept.2,1901 and m.Nov.15,1922 S.Emerson Laurie at age 21. S.Emerson Laurie was son of Capt.John Laurie and Annie McLain. No birth date on the husband but he died Oct. 1968.Priscilla alive in Jan.1986.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD III PRISCILLA W.MERCHANT(1901-) & S.EMERSON LAURIE(-1968)

Priscilla apparently divorced her husband,Emerson between 1930-1943.She m.Jan. 23,1943 (2nd) Harlan Wonson Dann at the age of 42,he at the age of 50.He was b.Aug.27,1893 and was son of Dexter Dann and Anna May Wonson.He d.July 8,1979 age of 85y.10m.12d. of "bilateral broncho pneumonia" at the V.A.Hospital in Jamaica Plain,Mass.,thereafter being cremated at the Linwood Crematory at Haverhill.

Priscilla apparently divorced Harlan also,as he was marked divorced on his death certificate.Residence was given as Boston,Mass.,occupation given as "manager".

This was the second marriage of Harlan Dann also.His first marriage was to Rachael Merchant on May 21,1921.Rachael was b.Jan.4,1899 and d.March 18,1976 age 77y.2m.4d.and was the dau. of Percy Merchant and Sarah Goodwin. Rachael was second cousin to Priscilla.No children in this marriage of Harlan Dann and Rachael Merchant,were divorced before 1943.(No children from the marriage of Harlan and Priscilla Merchant)

Newspaper articles about Priscilla in her youth;

YOUNG SINGERS SANG SWEET SONGS

MISS PRISCILLA MERCHANT AND ELLEN SMITH

APPEARED IN PLEASING MUSICALE

A musicale of a delightful character was given at St.John's Parish house last evening,when Mrs.Mildred Story Ellis presented two of her pupils in voice culture,Miss Priscilla Merchant, soprano,and Miss Ellen Smith,contralto.George B.Stevens was the accompanist.

A large audience was highly pleased with the results of Mrs.Ellis' work with her pupils,and the program was a well selected one and the singers were given harty applause at the conclusion of each number.The centennial anniversary of the composer Schubert coming this year,it was a special pleasure to hear a group of his selections sung.Other composers were Verdi,Delibes,Thomas,Rossi,Cadman,Manney,Quilter and Wishaw.

Miss Merchant showed much faithful study.Her voice is of lyric quality,sweet and flexible.Her opening number,the aria, "Qu va ia jeune indoue",from "Lakme" by Delibes was especially deserving of credit.She also rendered the aria "Caro Nome" from "Rigoletto" by Verdi; and a pleasing group of songs "Orpheus with his Lute",Manney;"Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal", by Quilter; "Vainka's Song" by Wishaw,and "Land of the Sky Blue Water",by Cadman,"Cuckco" and a "Love Song" were given as encores.

Miss Smith has a mezzo-voice,promising of great results.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD III PRISCILLA W.MERCHANT(1901-) & S.EMERSON LAURIE(-1968)

A musicale,continued;

It has a smoth quality and pleasing resonance.She excelled in the Schubert group, "Serenade", "Death and the Maiden", "Wanderer's Night Song",and "Hedge Rose",the latter an encore. She also sang two arias, "Dost Thou Know That Sweet Land",from "Mignon",by Thomas,and "Ah ! Rendem !" from "Mitrante" by Rossi."I Am Thy Heart",by Woodman was an encore.

Nov.14,1922

WELL KNOWN YOUNG SINGER WEDDED

PRISCILLA WONSON MERCHANT BECAME BRIDE OF

S.EMERSON LAURIE YESTERDAY

A mid-autumn wedding of interest to the younger set locally took place yesterday morning,when Miss Priscilla Wonson Merchant of this city became the bride of S.Emerson Laurie of Yarmouth, N.S.,a native of this city.

The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock in the morning by Rev.John Brainerd Wilson at the parsonage of the Chapel Street Baptist Church,at East Gloucester,and in accordance with the wishes of both parties was simple and without ostentation.Only the relatives of the couple attended.The double ring service was used.

The bride is the daughter of Mr.and Mrs.Gorham A.Merchant Jr., of Highland Street,and the groom,the son of Mrs.Annie Laurie of Centennial Avenue and the late Capt.John Laurie.The bride,who, following her graduation from Gloucester High School and Burdett College has held a responsible position with the secretarial staff of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company,is also well known in local musical circles.Being the possessor of a rich lyric soprano voice,developed in the past three years under the tutelage of Mrs.Mildred Story Ellis.Mrs.Laurie has charmed many Gloucester audiences.The culmination of her vocal training was the delightful recital which she gave with Miss Ellen Smith of this city last Monday evening at St.Jojn's parish house, under Mrs.Ellis' auspices.

The groom is a native of this city.During the late war with Germany,he served with credit in the United States Navy,and since the armistice,has been employed as manager of the George Earl Fisheries at Yarmouth.

The couple were well remembered by their friends,being the recipient of many useful and practical gifts.Immediately after the ceremony they left for Boston and sailed on the S.S.Prince George for Yarmouth,N.S.,where they will reside.

Nov.16,1922

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD III PRISCILLA W.MERCHANT(1901-) & S.EMERSON LAURIE(-1968)

Below are some quotations from letters written by Priscilla to F.R.M.

May 1,1981 "I used to be with the Y.M.C.A. group that entertained the sailors from the battleships that used to anchor in Rockport harbor.Sometimes they gave dances and sometimes we went out to the ships."

Jan.30,1981 "I worked for a good many years in the office of the Gloucester Ice & Cold Storage Company.That company is now defunct and who knows what will become of the freezer.I remember when the pier was being built,also the freezer. Could watch it from the East Gloucester shore in 1938-39."

Nov.9,1981 "I stayed very active until I was 72,even went for a five day pack trip on horseback into the Olympic Mountains,when I was 68,and at 65,went on a mule trip into the Grand Canyon for two days.(a part of a seven week bus trip."

April 13,1981 "Now I am a rocking chair traveler,and get out seldom."

June 7,1982 "Before I gave up driving in 1975,I used to go "bird watching" a lot.I think my total was around 150,which is not many if you are a real birder. One year I went with my neice all around this area with the Brooklin Bird Club.That was fun,took our lunch.One weekend went for the weekend to Marthers Vineyard."

June 29,1980 "As to religion,one need only see / know of the tremendous variety of life under,on and over the earth to know that there is a super intelligence running things.I think we are born,live and die and thats it."

On the above,F.R.M. writes: "Priscilla's views on religion seem to be on the negative side,however she is aware of a creator, but somewhere along her path in life,her faith has apparently been damaged so as she has no view of life in the world to come."

June 21,1981 "I planted an evergreen tree in the Mt.Pleasant Cemetery,15-20 years ago,where I will be eventually.It is the only evergreen there,right inside the gate on the road,and has turned out to be a very handsome thing. Everyone knows that it is "my" tree."

Dec.10,1982 "You are not likely to hear from me much now.I have become much too tired to keep up with letter writing.I don't have the energy for it."

Priscilla often writes of having difficulty in breathing and having little energy,being very tired. (R.D.M.) writes: "Her symptons suggest congestive heart failure which in laymans language means that the heart is too weak to properly pump the return flow of blood out of the lungs."

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.1.GORHAM A.MERCHANT JR.(1872-1961) & LELIA WONSON(1871-1964)

CHILD III PRISCILLA W.MERCHANT(1901-) & S.EMERSON LAURIE(-1968)

Priscilla and her first husband,S.Emerson Laurie begot four children;

CHILD A DONALD SCOTT LAURIE b.Jan.25,1924 A fisherman since age 18 except for three years in the Navy.Following is a quote from a letter written by his mother: Oct.12,1981 "The fishing boat Antonina,that my son Donald (aged 57) was on,was struck a hard blow on the side by something,(they didn't know what) and went down within a few minutes.The crew were working on deck.They had time to radio for help but no time to go below for their gear.Had they been sleeping they would have drowned.They were picked up by another boat nearby,then transferred to the Coast Guard and brought in.He has had a number of very close calls over the years.One that comes to mind is when a boat he was on sank and an East German fishing boat picked them up.Don said they were very nice to them,later they transferred them to a U.S.Coast Guard boat and brought in to Halifax that time.The rubber boat the East Germans used for the transfer was nearly upended in the extremely high waves.One East German sailor was tossed from one end of the boat to the other.A life at sea is a precarious one and fishing is a very hard way to earn your living.At 18 we could'nt keep Donald from it.

CHILD B JOHN SEWALL LAURIE b.May 30,1925 Known as Jack Laurie.He attended college for 10 years in order to get a degree in "parasiteology". His mother writes: "He collects marine parasites for study etc. He is the parasiteologist biologist,physiologist and all that.Years ago when he was still in college, Donald (fisherman) ,collected specimens in detail for him,and I mailed them to Washington University where he was studing at the time.Once Donald got a batch of Cod fish guts for him.I packed them and mailed them out hoping the carton wouldn't get smashed on the way.He wanted the particular parasites that live in the gut.Well a few lived as I remember,but most died on the way.When Jack was here during vacations,my kitchen table,one out side and the refrigerator were always covered with his stuff." He now teaches college courses.His mother writes saying that he "is the only real intellectual in the family", and "I followed him as well as I could (he used to send me lots of reading) have long since stopped trying to read the things he does,much too complicated."

CHILD C DANA MERCHANT LAURIE b.Jan.11,1928 A captain in a Fire Department, (town not given).

CHILD D LOIS WONSON LAURIE b.March 8,1930 and married to a Thurston. She has had unstable diabetes called "labile diabetis" for 30 years,her doctor was as of 1981 attempting to treat her with a new type of insulin,"purified pork".Her blood sugar runs from 25 - 400,once was hospitalized with a blood sugar of over 1200.According to her mother,she looks 100 per cent healthy but she has been unable to work of late years because of it.

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.2.WILLIAM THURSTON MERCHANT b.Aug.19,1874 and m.July 1,1899 Ella Bishop dau. of James Bishop and Emma L.Horton.They were both 24 at marriage. Were married in Gloucester by Rev.George H.Perkins.William d.Oct.28,1931 at age 57y.2m.9d. of "broncho pneumonia".Ella d.July 2,1914 of "ulcerative colitis" and "dementia praecox" at age of 39 at the Danvers State Hospital.She was born in 1875. Both were buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery,Lynn,Mass.We have a military description of William,given in his pension records;

Height	5 feet 5 3/4 inches	later years 5 feet 7 inches
Weight	150 pounds	later years
Eyes	blue gray	
Hair	dark brown	later years gray
Complexion	ruddy	
Occupation	sailmaker	

William was undoubtably named after his grandfather,Capt.William Thurston, who was lost at sea in the gale of 1871 while fishing on the Georges.

William was a Spanish War Veteran,having enlisted in the Navy at the age of 23 on March 8,1898 at Boston,Mass. and was discharged on Jan.15,1901 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard,New York City,from the U.S.S.Vermont.During active duty served in the capacity of "sailmaker's mate". Sometime after his discharge from the Navy,he became employed at the Charlestown Navy Yard and was employed as "sailmaker".He remained for more than 20 years and due to ill health was forced to retire at a relatively early age.

He was sometime during his life,involved in painting,for an oil painting exist and now hangs in the home of Hazel (Merchant) Gray in Eugene,Mo. Hazel is the daughter of Frank,William's youngest brother.This painting is named "The Tavern" and is indeed a work of art,its setting is 16th century Europe, and measures 20" x 30".It seems that others must exist but where ?

Some extracts of letters from Priscilla Dann to F.R.M. follow;

June 5,1980

"Will used to come and visit us often.He lived in Lynn and was married but his wife (Ella I think) was in a mental institution and in those days divorce was't allowed I believe.He came sometimes in a Stanley Steamer and it was quite a something to get a ride in that.I can remember riding to Lynn and coming back by train,thats what an auto ride meant in those days."

Sept.7,1980

"I liked Will a lot when I was a kid.He was a lot of fun and brought us things as I remember.I remember Doris and I both had rather small black lacquered jewelery cabinets from him - from China ?"

Aug.27,1982

"I do remember his Stanley Steamer car and what a big thing that was in those days.I remember he had a hard time starting it up in the morning.He was very good to us kids too."

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.2.WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1874-1931) & ELLA BISHOP(1875-1914)

In 1917 Will underwent an operation for chronic appendicitis and later adhesions developed which caused a great deal of suffering in later years. R.D.M. writes: Poor Will ! His health was very poor,eyes,ears,heart,lungs, kidneys,bowels and stomach,all malfunctioning.The only vital organ not mentioned is his liver.The adhesions mentioned were not uncommon following abdominal operations in those days.Simply stated,pathological adhesions are the abnormal unison of adjacant tissues due to inflamation.This is not such a problem in present day surgery as the techneque of an appendectomy has been much improved and they get the patient up and moving around as soon as possible,thus preventing such complications."

On Feb.24,1923 at the age of 49,Will applied for a pension due to many severe illnesses which was at this time causing him to become partialy disabled and which increased as time went on.We have 17 pages of his military records on his pension which show us how his health declined from the time of his first application to his death.We will skim through these pages giving the details of his illnesses,amount he recieved from the pension and finaly his death and burial in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

Feb.24,1923
Age 49 years
Physical disability - Left Varicocle,Deafness,Eye Sight Poor
Recent - Opperation for Appendicitis
Incapacitates him Partial

June 16,1923
Physical disability - "In 1917 he underwent an operation for chronic Appendicitis and old adhesions in the region of the appendix and (Calcum ?). That the cause of this condition was attributed to an old injury on the right side while in the service.He has also devolpoed ear trouble,causing deafness in both ears.Eyesight defective."

July 1923
Upon examination,his physical condition was found as follows;
Right eye conected with + 3.00 sphere
Left eye " " + 3.25 "
Left ear 20/40
Right ear 10/40
Saptolic blood presure 192 (age 50 years)
Marked Gastro enteroptosis - center of stomach on line with umbilicius.
Major left varicocele
Right direct inguinal hernia 1st.
Chronic bronchitis and bronchiestasis
Respiratory sounds harsh and bronchial
and because of the above examination and facts I would advise that he is incapacitated for manual labor about 30%.

June 12,1925
Age 51 years

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.2.WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1874-1931) & ELLA BISHOP(1875-1914)

Information from his pension records continued;

Incapacitied (Partially)
Physical disability - Hard of hearing of both ears.Left Varicocole,Adheisions of the Bowells,as a result of an opperation 1917,Poor Eyesight,Indigestion.

Feb.12,1928
Age 54 years
Pensioner recieved $20.00 per month
Increased disability - Deaf in left Ear.Bronichial Trouble,Adheisions of Bowells. Appendix removed by operation.Gastritis pains in Abdoman.Eye sight very poor.

April 29,1930
Age 55 years
Pensioner recieved $30.00 per month
Physical disability - Chronic Myocarditis,Chronic Nephritis,Hypertension.

October 30,1931
The records of this hospital show that the above named man died on Oct.28, 1931,and that his remains were turned over to the undertaking establishment of W.C.Goodrich,Lynn,Mass.,in conformity with instructions recieved from his brother,Mr.Gorham Merchant,19 Highland Street,Gloucester,Mass.

U.S.Naval Hospital
Chelsea,Mass.

Nov.2.1931
Report of Death from the U.S.Naval Hospital at Chelsea.
Admission Oct.14,1931
Died Oct.28,1931 at 7:15 p.m.
Primary cause of death Broncho Pneumonia
Contributory causes Nephritis,chronic;Mycarditis,chronic
Taken by civilian undertaker,W.C.Goodrich,Lynn,Mass.at request of next of kin.
Next of kin - Gorham A.Merchant
Summary; "A known case of cardio-renal disease who reentered hospital on Oct.14, 1931 in bad condition.He failed to respond to treatment and died with inter-current broncho-pneumonia. Autopsy confirmed clinical diagnoses.

Nov.17,1931
The expenses incurred for the return home,funeral,and burial of the body of the deceased,amounting to $264.00

Last checks recieved were for $60. each and dated Nov.4 and Dec.4,these were returned and canceled.

We forgot to include a not on the vessels that William served on during his term in the Navy,they were, "Wabash" "Columbia" "Yankee" "Wabash" 2nd.time "Essex" and "Vermont"

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD NO.2.WILLIAM T.MERCHANT(1874-1931) & ELLA BISHOP(1875-1914)

His obituary follows;

WILLIAM T.MERCHANT

Aged 57 years,of 138 South Common Street,a Spanish War Veteran,died Wednesday evening at the Chelsea Naval Hospital following an illness of heart trouble.

He was born in Gloucester and was a resident of Lynn for many years.Mr.Merchant was a retired employe of the Charlestown Navy Yard,where he was employed for more than 20 years. During the Spanish-American War,he served in the Navy on the U.S.S.Columbia.He was a member of Gen.Sanger Camp No.15, Spanish War Veterans.

He leaves two brothers,Gorham and Frank Merchant,both of Gloucester.

From a Lynn newspaper.

ELLA BISHOP wife of William,

(R.D.M.) writes about her illness: "The term,"Dementia Praecox" is no longer used.Schizophrenia has replaced it in medical terminology.It is a common mental disorder,the psychosis is most frequent in adolescence or early adult life. We do not know the type of the disease that she had or how severe the illness was,nor do we know the date of her admission to the hospital.There were no medications useful in this disorder in 1914 (her death date).The modern psychotropec drugs for treating (not curing) it were not developed until the middle 1950s."

Her obituary follows;

MERCHANT - In Hawthorne,July 2,Ella F. wife of William T., aged 39 years.Funeral from the home of her sister,Mrs.F.L. Stearns,Birch Street,Cliftondale,Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Pine Grove Cemetery.Relatives and Friends invited.

No one would wish to have so much suffering in their lives as did uncle Will, perhaps his last prayers were like that of Tobit in the Scriptures;

"command my spirit to be taken up,
that I may depart and become dust.
For it is better for me to die than to live,
great is the sorrow within me.
Command that I now be released from my distress
to go to the eternal abode;
do not turn thy face away from me."

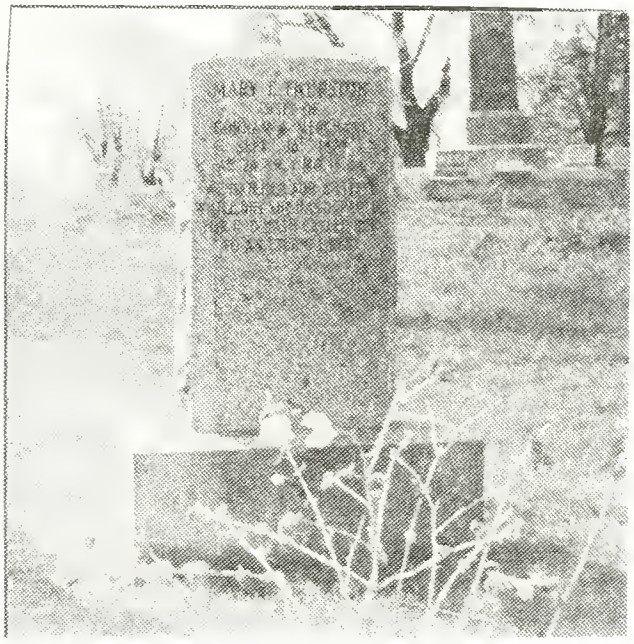
Tobit 3:6

CHILD NO.3.SIDNEY MERCHANT b.Aug.15,1877 and d.Aug.15,1878 at Cross Street of "cholera infantum" age 1y. This disease was undoubtably an intestinal trouble associated with small children.His name appears on a marker in lot # 142 at Oak Grove Cemetery along with the name of a cousin,Arthur Merchant (stillborn).

Descendants of Gorham and his wife,Mary E.Thurston.

CHILD No.4.FRANK MERCHANT b.July 29,1879 and m.June 28,1906 Lillian M.Allen. She was b.Dec.15,1882 and was dau. of Joel Allen and Ida Allen (maiden name also Allen).Their history will be found in the following chapter,Chapter 8.

Oak Grove Cemetery - Lot 142



Oak Grove Cemetery - Lot 109

Left
Gorham Alfred Merchant Jr.
(1872-1961)

Right
William Thurston Merchant
(1874-1931)

THE EXPERIENCE OF DEATH - WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SOUL ?

1 Death is the separation of the spirit and the body.

"And the dust returneth to the earth as it was,
And the spirit returneth unto G-d who gave it."

Ecclesiastes 12:7

2 The body is buried in the earth.

The burial of Adam,

"And he stayed there three hours,-----
But after this the archangel asked concerning
the laying out of the remains.

Then G-d spake to the archangels ------
'-- strew linen cloths and cover the body of Adam
and bring oil of the oil of fragrance and pour it
over him.'
And they acted thus did the three great angels
and they prepared him for burial.
And G-d said;
'Let the body of Abel also be brought.'
And they brought other linen cloths and prepared
his (body) also.For he was unburied since the day
when Cain his brother slew him; ------
And both were buried,according to the commandment
of G-d,in the spot where G-d found the dust,
and He caused the place to be dug for two.
---- and they took the two bodies and placed them
in the spot which they had digged and builded.
---- And G-d saith to him (Adam);
'I told thee that earth thou art and to earth
shalt thou return.Again I promise to thee the
Resurrection;I will raise thee up in the Resurrection;
I will raise thee up in the Resurrection with
every man,who is of thy seed.'"

Apocalypsis Moses 37-41

The burial of Eve,

"But while she was living,she wept bitterly about
Adam's falling on sleep,for she knew not where he
was laid. ---- no man knew on earth except her son
Seth.And Eve prayed (in the hour of her death) that
she might be buried in the place where her husband
Adam was.
'---- estrange not me thy handmaid from the body

of Adam,for from his members didst thou make me.
But deem me worthy,even me unworthy that I am and
a sinner,to enter into his tabernacle,even as I
was with him in paradise,both without separation
from each other;just as in our transgression,we
were both led astray and transgressed thy command,
but were not separated.Even so,L-rd,do not separate
us now.'
But after she had prayed,she gazed heavenwards and
groaned aloud and smote her breast and said:
'G-d of All,recieve my spirit,'
and straightway she delivered up her spirit to G-d.
And Michael (the archangel) came and taught Seth
how to prepare Eve for burial. ---
and they buried her (body) where Adam's body was
and Abel's.
And thereafter Michael spake to Seth and saith:
'Lay out in this wise every man that dieth till
the day of the Resurrection.'

Apocalypsis Moses 42-43

3 The spirit enters into Paradise.

"Now,concerning death,the teaching is:
When the decisive decree has gone forth from the
Most High that a man shall die,
as the spirit leaves the body
to retrun again to him who gave it,
first of all it adores the glory of the Most High."

"--- O L-rd,show this also to thy servant:
whether after death,as soon as every one of us
yields up his soul,
we shall be kept in rest until those times come
when thou wilt renew the creation,"

"--- they understand the rest which they now enjoy,
being gathered into their chambers
and guarded by angels in profound quiet,
and the glory which awaits them in the last days.
--- they rejoice that they have now
escaped what is corruptible,
and shall inherit what is to come;"

"They shall have freedom for seven days,
so that during these seven days they may see
the things of which you have been told,
and afterwards they shall be gathered

in their habitations."

2 Esdras 7:78,75,95-96,101

"Did not the souls of the righteous
in their chambers ask about these matters,saying,
'How long are we to remain here ?'
'And when will come the harvest of our reward ?'"

"He answered me and said,
'Go and ask a woman who is with child if,
when her nine months have been completed,
her womb can keep the child
within her any longer.'
And I said,
'No,L-rd,it cannot.'
And he said to me,
'In Hades the chambers of the souls are like
the womb.
For just as a woman who is in travail
makes haste to escape the pangs of birth,
so also do these places hasten to give back
those things that were committed to them
from the beginning.'"

2 Esdras 4:35,40-42

4 The promise of the Resurrection.

"And I will raise up the dead from their places,
and will bring them out from their tombs,"

2 Esdras 2:16

"And the world shall be turned back to
primeval silence for seven days,as it was at
the first beginnings;
so that no one shall be left.
And after seven days the world,which is not
yet awake,shall be roused,and that which is
corruptible shall perish.
And the earth shall give up those who are asleep
in it,and the dust those who dwell
silently in it;
and the chambers shall give up the souls
which have been committed to them."

2 Esdras 7:30-32

5 Commentary.

The body of flesh finds its rest in the bowels of the earth for the duration of this dispensation.

The spirit finds peace and perfect rest in a prepared place called "the womb" or "Paradise".

All those who are in Paradise are in the presence and company of their families during their rest.

Note - There are those who have been pronounced clinicley dead by doctors,but who came back and have testified that their spirit had departed from the body,they had beheld a Being of LIGHT,and that a company of departed family members were waiting for them there.Although these had no wish to return to this life in the flesh,they were instructed to do so on such occasions.

This rest shall continue undisturbed till the day of the Resurrection, when the spirit and the resurrected body shall reunite.

It is at this time that all shall stand before G-d in the judgement, and then will be seen the greatest family reunion ever known to mankind.

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--- FRANK MERCHANT ---

"The steps of a good man are ordered
by the L-rd,and he delighteth
in his way"

Psalms 37:23

Frank Merchant b.July 29,1879,the 4th child of Gorham A.Merchant and Mary E. Thurston.He m.June 28,1906 Lillian Maude Allen the dau. of Joel Allen and Ida Allen (maiden name also Allen).She was b.Dec.15,1882 and was age 24 at marriage, Frank was age 27.They were married by Rev.George F.Beecher,witnesses were Charles H.Greenleaf and Flora McKellar,and were married at Gloucester. Frank d.Aug.14,1960 of "cardial decompensation" at age 81y.1m.16d. and was buried with his second wife in the Wesleyan Cemetery in Riverdale. Lillian d.Jan.8, 1943 at age 60y.0m.24d. of "toxic absorption" and "cancer of rectum" and was buried in the Beechbrook Cemetery in West Gloucester.

Frank m.July 1,1944 (2nd) Sadie Smith,widow of Jeremiah Smith who died in 1942. They were married by Rev.John M.Currie at 18 Washington Square,he at age 64 and she was 65.Sadie was b.March 16,1877 and was the dau. of Addison Tarr and Sarah McNeil,she d.April 24,1964 of "myocardial insufficiency" at age of 87y.1m.8d.

At a relatively early age he became an acrobat and it is told that while performing in Missouri with his companions,had been overcome with the heat and was unconscious for three days.Afterwards he gave up this career. (One of his companions in the act and also a personal friend was Joseph Payne,who later in life became a fine painter (art) and repaired clocks).

His marriage as found in the Times;

MARCHANT - ALLEN

The marriage of Mr.Frank Marchant and Miss Lillian Maude Allen was soleminized at the residence of Rev.George F.Beecher at East Gloucester on Thursday evening.The bride wore a gown of blue silk with lace trimmings.Miss Flora McKellar was bridesmaid and the best man was Mr.Charles Greenleaf.

After the ceremony the happy couple left on the 9:18 train amid a shower of rice and the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy married life.

On their return they will be at home to their friends at 17 Harvard Street.Mr. and Mrs.Marchant were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

After marriage he worked at the Merchant Box Shop on 19 Arthur Street,

Gloucester.This company manufactured boxes for the packing of fish.

In 1919 the couple lived on Brightside Ave.,East Gloucester and that is where their second child,Hazel was born.Note - This area was one of the Merchant settlements within the city.A house on 12 Cross Street was owned by his grandfather,George,had been owned by his great grandfather,Epes.His father Gorham A.Merchant was probably born there,even as his mother,Mary had died and his brother Sidney also died in that house.Several Merchant families lived in the area and still do.Eastern Ave.,Eastern Point Road,East Main Street, and in the area known as Point Hill.

In 1923-25 he worked at his aunts hardware store,developing camera film and repaired bicycles.This was the Charles J.Gray Hardware Store founded in 1876 and at this time was run by his wife,whose maiden name was Effie Thurston. Effie was a sister to Frank's mother,Mary.She was b.Oct.13,1860 and married Charles J.Gray on Dec.28,1881.

He had a very fine house built on Essex Ave. in West Gloucester,being built on a hill midst the pines,having a walk with steps and a trellis as you climbed to the house.It was a comfortable house and "picturesque".

Frank was conservative in habits and in work.Was able to supply the needs of his family adequately and all were rather comfortable.He was a short man in stature,small in frame and for many years wore a hair piece. "I can remember as a child watching him after coming home from work and as he washed up for the supper table,he would proceed to take off his hair in order to complete the job of washing and I being a boy of perhaps 4 or 5 would try to do the same and couldn't understand why I could not."

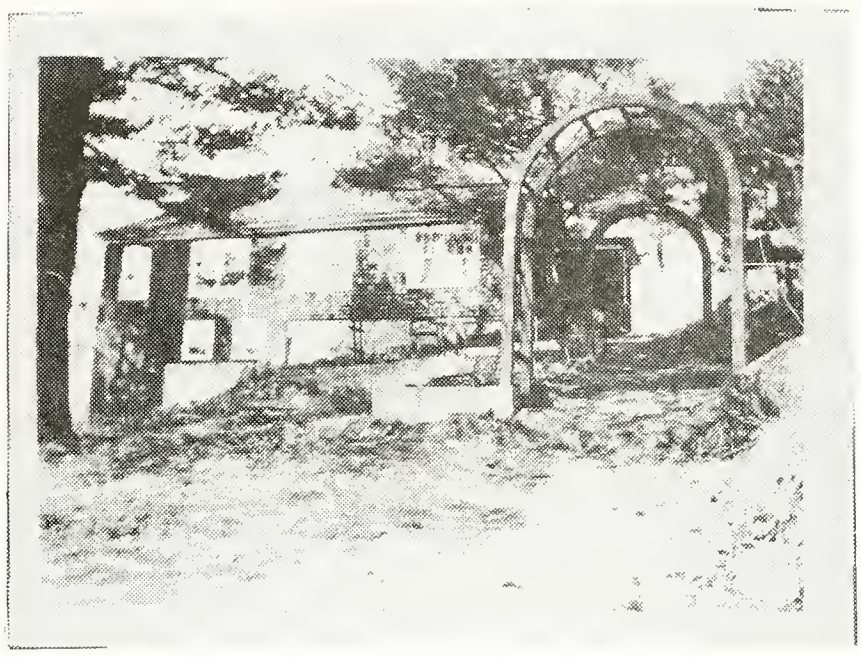
In 1938 he sold the house and moved to So.Berwick,Maine,residing at the home of Nora M.Kimball (she was a 1st cousin,once removed to Lillian).While living here engaged in a little farming,kept a cow,a few hens and had a garden etc. also worked elsewhere,road construction in So.Berwick,bottling milk in Ogunquit for Joel Perkins and painting with Harry Kimball.Later moved nearer to So.Berwick (beside Woodlawn Cemetery in the house owned by Arthur Hanson.) Still later moved to No.Berwick on Maple Street and worked at the Hussey Mfg. Inc.,a manufacturer of steel bleaches which are set up throughout the country. This company back in time was the manufacturer of the famous Hussey plow, this being one of the first steel plows used by horses.

In 1943 after the death of his wife,Lillian,moved back to Gloucester and lived at the home of Evelyn M.Robblee on 17 Harvard Street.Evelyn was sister to Lillian,Frank's wife.He then returned to work at the Merchant Box Company until his retirement. "I remember as a boy going to meet my grandfather after work,and on one occasion he was still working and allowed me to try his machine which was a nailing machine used to nail the fish boxes together.As the nails protruded right through the sides of the boxes,it seemed a little experience was needed."

Shortly after moving back to Gloucester,Frank met and married Sadie Smith who lived,next door,at 15 Harvard Street. As they were both in advanced years there were no children.We are told by Sadie's son Russell Smith,that they were content in their latter years.After his retirement,he worked as a carpenter.

Left
Frank Merchant
(1879-1960)

Right
Lillian Maude Allen
(1882-1943)



The house at 263 Essex Ave. West Gloucester

Beechbrook Cemetery Lot # 449

A portion of a letter written by Frank Merchant to his grandson (F.R.M.) on Feb.25,1948.

now about our
ancestors. as for your grandmother
she was born near Pettoris Mills
South Berwick about 67 years ago

and all her folks were born and
brought up in South Berwick
about her father I don't know
about me I was born and lived
in Gloucester was born in 1879.
making me 69 and this summer
July 29 70 years. my father was a
fisherman following the sea in the
early part of his life and the later
years he was a painter my
mother I guess was of a Gloucester
family. all fishermen. and my
grandfather was also a fisherman
he also died at the age of 91 years.

Frank Merchant

Frank Merchant and his wife,Lillian M.Allen shortly after their marriage in 1906.The third person is Mary E.Allen her grandmother. (Photo taken on the Allen farm in So. Berwick,Maine.)

The obituary of Frank Merchant;

> MERCHANT - In Gloucester,August 14,1960,Frank Merchant,81, husband of Sadie M.(Tarr) Merchant of 15 Harvard Street.Funeral from the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.Interment in Wesleyan Cemetery.Visiting at the funeral home Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FRANK MERCHANT

> The funeral of Frank Merchant of 15 Harvard Street,husband of Sadie M. (Tarr) Merchant,was held from the Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,yesterday afternoon at 3:30.Rev.Willis P.Browning,pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church,officiated.
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> There were many floral tributes and many relatives and friends attended.
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> Interment was in the family lot in Wesleyan Cemetery,with committal service by Dr.Browning.
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> Pallbearers were Edmund S.Tarr,Thomas McDonell,John J.Brophy and John B.Auditore.

"And thou shalt go to thy fathers
in peace;thou shalt be buried
in a good old age "

Genesis 15:15

LILLIAN MAUDE ALLEN wife of Frank

Lillian better known as Maude,worked in a Net & Twine factory in Gloucester before her marriage but afterward gave up such work and remained at home.And this she did very well,with dedication! As a boy I can never remember any food set on the table that may have been burnt,or not properly cooked or poorly prepared.Even the slimest of meals became fit for a king.I once remember sitting at the supper table and we had soda crackers soaked in tea, placed in a saucer and buttered,they were very tasty.Her daughter Hazel writes:

> "You mentioned about my mother keeping a clean house and clothes and doing a lot of cooking.Yes,she did,she worked hard and loved her home and family.Also did a lot of crocheting and embrodery.I remember her making roses with talcum powder cans using different colored crepe paper.My aunt Evie sold them for her.She liked the in-doors and had several house plants."

One of the fondest memories I have of my grandmother is of her sitting in her rocking chair by the window,patiently waiting for grandfather to return home from work,supper had been prepared and set on the back of the stove,the table set,the lights out and we waited.Sometimes as we waited,she would sing softly or perhaps tell a story of her childhood.These moments spent with her would never be forgotten.

When living in So.Berwick,I remember the two of us digging dandelions,I say two but I doubt that I was of much help,being just a kid.First I would cut off the tops of the greens and then get grass,dirt and all.But how efficient she was,she would stick the butcher knife into the ground and cut them off just at the right place and up came a nice plump dandelion!How skillful she did this!

It was with her that I first remember visiting a cemetery.While living in So.Berwick,beside the Woodlawn Cemetery,one evening just shortly before sunset we entered that place and she recalled some there that she had known,in paticular the section of the Levi Allen lot,and perhaps that is why we were there in the first place - they being relatives.

I remember her walking about the house with very badly swollen ancles. They would swell and roll right over the tops of her shoes and I expect were most uncomfortable.She was a very big woman,her arms were so large that she either made her own dresses or had to re-do any boughten ones.

I remember her putting on her big hat,wherever she went.If we went Sunday riding in the old car,it being a 1932 Plymouth as I recall,grandfather always brought us somewhere on Sunday if he could and on such excursions she had on her hat,or if we went blueberrying,she had on her hat.

Her last days on earth were spent on Maple Street in No.Berwick,there had been some small kittens which were supposed to have been in the barn and somehow decided to be in the house.As grandmother opened the door to drive them out,they returned running between her feet which caused her to take a bad fall, she never walked again.After getting her into bed,she turned for the worse,her condition deteriorated.One day as grandfather attempted to get her to take a little water,she said; "What are you trying to do,choke me to death?" These were to be her last words on earth.She thereafter went into a coma and quietly passed away.

Her obituary follows;

MRS.LILLIAN M.MERCHANT

Mrs.Lillian M. (Allen) Merchant,wife of Frank Merchant,died yesterday in North Berwick,Maine,at the age of 60 years,24 days.

A native of South Berwick,daughter of Joel and Ida Allen,she resided in Gloucester for years.She leaves in addition to her husband a son,Russell,a daughter,Miss Hazel,of North Berwick, and a sister,Mrs.Evelyn M.Robblee of this city;also several grandchildren.

The funeral is to be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the W.S.Pike Funeral Home,61 Middle Street,with interment at Beechbrook Cemetery.

Lillian is buried in lot # 449 with her sister,her sister's husband and her parents.They are waiting still for the "day of the L-rd". The epitaph on her monument reads;

"As for me,I will call upon G-d
and the L-rd will save me
He hath redeemed my soul in peace."

The obituary of Joel Allen,Lillian's father;

JOEL ALLEN

Funeral services for Joel Allen were held Friday afternoon from his late home where a beautiful and impresive service was

Obituary of Joel Allen continued;

conducted by Rev.George H.Lewis.The pall bearers were James Allen,Melvin McDonald and Roy W.Parsons.Interment was at Beechbrook Cemetery,West Gloucester.

Mr.Allen,whose death occured on Wednesday last at West Gloucester,was born in Quincy,being the son of the late William and Lavina (Kimball) Allen,and one of a family of nine children, six of whom are still living.

He worked as caretaker of an estate on Concord Street,West Gloucester,for many years,where he made many friends,and faithfully performed his duties as long as his health permitted. His illness was of some duration but when it took a serious turn,he was removed to the home of his daughter,Mrs.Frank Merchant,where ever willing hands cared for him.

The deceased leaves besides his widow,two daughters,Mrs.Maude, wife of Frank Merchant and Mrs.Evelyn,widow of William Robblee; five brothers,ex-Alderman William L.Allen,George,Frank and James of this city,Charles of Berwick,Maine and one sister, Mrs.Flora,wife of Philip Terrio of Essex.He also leaves two grandchildren,Russell W. and Hazel E.Merchant,besides several nephews.

Jan.31,1928

Evelyn M.Robblee
(1873-1956)

She was a sister to Lillian and a most dedicated member of the family for three generations.

Ancestry of Lillian Allen (wife of Frank Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Lillian M.Allen
- b. Dec.15,1882
- p.b. So.Berwick,Maine
- m. June 28,1906
- d. Jan.8,1943
- p.d No.Berwick,Maine

2 Joel Allen (Father of No. 1)
- b. July 6,1853
- p.b. Quincy,Mass.
- m.
- d. Jan.25,1928
- p.d Gloucester,Mass.

3 Ida May Allen (Mother of No. 1)
- b. Feb.28,1857
- p.b. So.Berwick,Maine
- d. Oct.13,1931
- p.d. Gloucester,Mass.

4 William Allen (Father of No. 2)
- b.
- p.b.
- m.
- d.
- p.d

5 Lavinia Kimball (Mother of No. 2)
- b.
- p.b.
- d.
- p.d.

6 Albert F.Allen (Father of No. 3)
- b. Jan.15,1826
- p.b. So.Berwick,Maine
- m. April 14,1850
- d. July 18,1911
- p.d So.Berwick,Maine

7 Mary E.Brooks (Mother of No. 3)
- b. May 15,1828
- p.b. N.H.
- d. July 22,1917-V.R. 7th.
- p.d. So.Berwick,Maine

Frank Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
- b. July 29,1879
- p.b. Glou.Mass.
- d. Aug.14,1960
- p.d. Glou.Mass.

8 (Father of No. 4)
- b.
- p.b.
- m.
- d.
- p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
- b.
- p.b.
- d.
- p.d

10 (Father of No. 5)
- b.
- p.b.
- m.
- d.
- p.d

11 (Mother of No. 5)
- b.
- p.b.
- d.
- p.d.

12 John Allen Jr. (Father of No. 6)
- b. Sept.5,1791
- p.b. Wells,Maine
- m. June 6,1818
- d. June 12,1866
- p.d So.Berwick,Maine

13 Rebecca Hodgdon (Mother of No. 6)
- b. Jan.1,1800
- p.b. Maine
- d. Nov.19,1863
- p.d. So.Berwick,Maine

14 Joseph Brooks (Father of No. 7)
- b.
- p.b.
- m.
- d.
- p.d

15 Pauline Lord (Mother of No. 7)
- b.
- p.b.
- d.
- p.d.

16 (Father of No. 8,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

17 (Mother of No. 8,)
- b.
- d.

18 (Father of No. 9,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

19 (Mother of No. 9,)
- b.
- d.

20 (Father of No. 10,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

21 (Mother of No. 10,)
- b.
- d.

22 (Father of No. 11,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

23 (Mother of No. 11,)
- b.
- d.

24 John Allen (Father of No. 12,)
- b.
- m. 1792
- d.

25 Abigail Welch (Mother of No. 12,)
- b. April 28,1765
- d.

26 Lydia --- (Father of No. 13,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

27 (Mother of No. 13,)
- b.
- d.

28 (Father of No. 14,)
- b.
- m.
- d.

29 (Mother of No. 14,)
- b.
- d.

30 (Father of No. 15)
- b.
- m.
- d.

31 (Mother of No. 15,)
- b.
- d.

Evelyn M.Robblee,sister-in-law of Frank.

At this point in our history,there will be a deviation in our historial record keeping.Mrs.Evelyn Robblee was not of the seed of Jabez nor did she ever marry anyone who was.She was the sister (only sister) of Lillian Allen, who was the wife of Frank Merchant and therefore an in-law.However no family or historical record keeping can be justifiably written with out including Evelyn May Robblee for she was in all truth a dedicated member of the family, and this for three generations.

Evelyn May Robblee b.Dec.24,1873 at So.Berwick,Maine and married at age 16 to William A.Robblee who was son of Franklyn Robblee of Prince Edward Island and Margaret Crocker of Newfoundland.He was b.June 6,1863 at So.Farmington,Nova Scotia and d.Feb.13,1922 of "broncho pnewmonia" at the Danvers State Hospital at age 58y.8m7d.Evelyn and William Robblee m.June 25,1889 (he was age 26). She d.Dec.24,1956 of "arterio heart disease" at age 83y. at Gloucester,Mass.

Evelyn known to all as "aunt Evie",began her early years in hardship,when her father deserted the family and great burdens were heaped upon that household.After her marriage to William Robblee,her life was made much more comfortable,at least for a few years as her husband was a successful business man.

Will was a draftsman at one time in the construction of bridges and in cold storage buildings.He traveled about the country somewhat while pursuing this type of work.Also he had been employed as manager of the Gloucester A.& P., later being in business for himself and traveling about Cape Ann with a team. He built a nice home at 17 Harvard Street and had a stable there.It was one of the first houses to be built on that street.Mr.Robblee was a learned man, as we learn from his work and also because of some of his books which still exist.

Evelyn never had any children and there is a story that may explain the reason why; "Evelyn was carrying a child and was confronted with a run-a-way team and in the attempt to get out of the way,she jumpted over a nearby fence, and consequently loss the child".She was never able to carry a child again as she would loose them in a miscarriage.We believe that it must have been a great distress to this couple but Will had his work and Evie took in her mother,which was a comfort to her for she dearly loved her mother,and her mother needed the assistence.After Mr.Robblee passed away,hardship returned. She must return to work outside the home to support herself,her mother and her home.For the rest of her life she had a trying time to keep her home together and worried about it constantly.

She worked "canvassing" for the "Better Homes Club Plan" and also worked at "fitting corsets" for the ladies,putting in the bones,letting them out and taking them in,although her own had no bones in them.(Women in those days wore these corsets as a means of holding in the bulges and thought to give them needed support.)She rented the downstaires of her house which helped bring in a little money but as is often the case,produced problems as well.

So in latter years she lived in three upstairs rooms,which were a front room serving as a bed room and living room combined,also a work area for her business,a storage room and a bath and a kitchen that was a very tiny room,

Evelyn M.Robblee,sister-in-law of Frank continues;

some of this being used for storage also,the usable space being occupied by a small table,a side board filled to overflowing with what ever imaginable.A small single oil burner which she used for heat and a small three burner portable kerosene stove which was used for cooking."It seems she never had much of a varity of food as coffee,boiled eggs and uneeder bisquits (a cracker) seemed to be her basic diet".

"I can remember her in the morning,combing her hair,it being as white as snow and when she bent over to brush it,it would reach to the floor.After giving it a good brushing,she would role it up,put on a hair net and stick in it a very long hair pin,then she was ready for the day.The younger women of today,in those ridiculous hair curlers or those who let their hair fly about everywhere could certainly take an example from this marvouslous old lady."

"Upon leaving her house in the morning for her work about the city,first she would lock up the doors to her living quaters (there being but three doors) she then would go over them and rattle each door to be sure it was locked. She never deviated from this habit.As we are reminded in the Scriptures,"Where there are many hands,lock things up" Sirach 42:6.In her business about the city, it required a great deal of walking and on top of this she was plagued by corns and bunyens on her feet which made traveling very difficult and to make it all the worst,she suffered with very short breath.Out of necessity she was required to stop at intervals to catch her breath and then journey on again.At times when it became most unbearable,perhaps because of the heat or because of the many bundles that she carried,she would then get a taxie to bring her home at the cost of 50cents, and then only out of absalute necessity."

In later years she had the task of selling her home and writes;

> (May 24,1948) "To sell would be best financialy,much more money value and no house worries and tenants,but no home.Age assistance, they would take me under their wing and take care of me,but my house would pay for it,and rot down and me skimped for money. But could stay right here just the same all alone.Then its an awefull job to sell it and clear it out. ---- I am awefully upset,don't know what to do.I just wrote to your father about me selling out,and going down there to live.It is a terrible change to make at my age,alone and not well,and break up my home for an uncertainity.I am so afraid I wouldn't be contented there and I would have no place to go,with my home gone.If I wait,prices will go down on Real Estate and my house suffers for repairs.I am thinking everything over and am sick over it. Don't know what is best for me to do."

Evelyn sold her home and moved to So.Berwick with her nephew,Russell W. Merchant,but the arangements didn't work and being fearful of loosing her residence in Gloucester,moved back to the city and took a rent.She changed her residence from Exchange Street to Prospect Street and finaly to a nursing home on Elm Street.This was a nice clean place and she was well cared for,but now with no work and few visits from what family that remained,she became desperately lonely,more so than ever.She writes; "nobody can imagine how very

Evelyn M.Robblee,sister-in-law of Frank continues;

lonesome I am."

In religion she was of a liberal perswasion,although she and her sister,as girls were baptized into the Baptist Church. In a letter to (F.R.M.) dated May 24,1948 she writes;

> "About religion,I don't think it makes much difference what creed,they all come from the Bible. When the time comes you wont be asked what church you belong to.Go to any church its allright long as you have the Christian spirit,and keep the commandments.You all should go to Tatnic church,you could go to North Berwick,providing you have suitable clothing,several churches up there I guess.If your father doesn't send them to church,he will be sorry I'm afraid.They should have some Christian training."

In spite of her hardships she always thought of others in the family,and would always make the supreme effort to help in any way she could.She would gather clothes from her customers and send them to Maine to help her nephew, Russell.When he was restoring an old abondoned house in So.Berwick,she obtained all the doors and windows right in Gloucester and saw that he recieved them.

The following is a copy of a letter (now badly faded) written to (F.R.M.) on Aug.18,1947;

Frankie R.Merchant 14 yrs.

> If I get real sick dear,phone your father and mother and Mrs.Nester Utterburg of 5 Clifford Court.She would come to me if possible,Dr.Keith for advise,what to do,or who best to get to help me.She is a dear friend,always to me,always ready to advise and help me what she can.She knows the hard life struggle I have had.She is not well and I don't think she goes out on call now.But she would do best she can for me in sickness and trouble,and would advise you dear and Russell of course.
>
> I think I would like to try Dr.Palotto of Essex if I need to change Drs.,if he is really a good heart doctor.I hear he has Gloucester patients but no office here.Perhaps I could hire somebody to take me to see him,if he charges too much to <u>come here</u>.
>
> You stay with (Aunty) all you can dear,to look out for her and everything.
>
> Dr.Keith could find out some good heart specialist somewhere for me.I must get over this breath shortness,it is awefull.I am entitled to a Metropol District Nurse calls,if recomended by a doctor.
>
> For your father Russell or executor ---- I want Harold Pike or Burgess,bury me between my husband and my mother in my Beechbrook Cemetery lot.I want Rev.Mr.Freeman,Baptist minister. I want 3 hymns sang by Ruth & Brown.
>
> ABIDE WITH ME,IN THE GARDEN,
> WHEN THE MISTS HAVE CLEARED AWAY

Evelyn M.Robblee,sister-in-law of Frank continues;

A letter written to F.R.M. in 1947 (continued from page 339)

Frankie dear,you can have anything you want dear,that I leave,any or all books.You keep this all to yourself.If I have a chance,I will do better for you.

You keep strict watch over my metal boxes and everything left by me.Don't leave anybody in my rooms or with my keys unless ordered to by law.

You save this paper dear,If I have a chance I will do better for you.

Your Loving Aunt
Evelyn May Robblee

Just previous to her death,I visited her at the Addison Gilbert Hospital, and the last words that I heard her say were; "O Jesus help me now." She is now with those whom she longed to be with,during those many years of lonelyness. No longer would she be troubled with those painful feet,nor with the shortness of breath.No longer must she worrey about "getting by",no longer is she lonely for those who passed on before ---for all are now in the "chambers of G-d" and are at rest.

Her obituary dated Dec.24,1956

MRS.EVELYN M.ROBBLEE

Mrs.Evelyn M.Robblee,wife of the late William A.Robblee of 17 Harvard Street,died this morning at the Colonial Nursing Home.She had been a patient there for two days.

She was born in Maine,daughter of Joel and Ida Allen,and came to Gloucester in 1889.

Surviving are a niece,Hazel,wife of Richard Gray of Pigeon Cove and several grandnieces & grandnephews.

The funeral will be held at the Burgess Funeral Home,38 Pleasant Street,Wednesday at 2 o'clock with interment in Beechbrook Cemetery.

Friends and relatives may pay their respects at the funeral home Monday 7 to 9 and Tuesday 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Evelyn was removed to Beechbrook where she was buried in lot # 449,the lot that she herself had bought in 1922 at the death of her husband.The epitaph on her grave stone reads;

"O G-d be not far from me
O my G-d make haste to help me"

Her husband is buried next to her and his epitaph reads;

"He that fearth G-d
shall discharge himself
of them all"

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Frank Merchant	1879-1960	Age 81y.

Wife

Lillian Maude Allen	1882-1943	Age 60y.

This couple were married on June 28,1906 at West Gloucester,Mass.

Children of the above couple;

1.Russell Wilfred Merchant	1908-1954	Age 45y.
2.Hazel Evelyn Merchant	1919-	

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Lillian M.Allen.

CHILD NO.1.RUSSELL WILFRED MERCHANT b.April 17,1908 and m.March 26,1932 Elsie Priscilla Hatch who was b.Nov.12,1912 and was dau. of Chester J.Hatch and Evelyn H.Johnson. This couple will have their own chapter,Chapter 9 and so will proceed with;

CHILD NO.2.HAZEL EVELYN MERCHANT b.Aug.15,1919 at Brightside Ave. in East Gloucester,Mass. and m.Oct.14,1944 Richard C.Gray of Rockport who was son of Harry Gray and Lydia Allen.(He age 29 at marriage and she was 25.)Richard (Dick) was b.Aug.19,1915 and d.April 9,1977 at age 61y.7m.20d.and was buried at Locust Grove Cemetery.Hazel is living at this writing and lives at Eugene,Missouri.

Following are some of her memories as they are written in her own words;

> "At this time (while attending the Bray School in West Glouces-ter) my brother,Russell had a one seater,Model T.Ford.He took my mother and I down to the old Allen homestead in "Tatnic" (a sec-tion of So.Berwick) my very first time.I could hardly wait to get there and needless to say,I fell in love with the country and still do."
>
> "My aunt Evie and my grandmother,Ida Allen lived at 17 Harvard Street.My mother and I used to either walk over to visit them or sometimes take the train.They always came to our house for Thanksgiving and Christmass,which we all enjoyed very much."
>
> "I remember my Dad and I always went in the woods to hunt for our Christmass tree and then we would decorate it together.We used to sit evenings just by the Christmass tree with the lights and listen to all of the nice Christmass programs on the radio."

Hazel describes herself saying; "I always was an outdoor girl".As a girl at home she enjoyed the outdoor activities that children enjoy and as she grew up she loved the outside work on the farm.

1931 At age of 12 learned to drive an automobile (her fathers) but was not allowed a license till she was 16.

1935 Hazel took art lessons from Roy B.White,a local artist.She did well at art but after a year or so gave it up,much to everyones disapointment.

Hazel writes more about life in Maine;

> "And about picking blueberries ---- my Dad and I would fill a 10 qt. pail apiece in a couple hours,thats how good the picking was.The very best picking was when we were visiting my Uncle George.My brother Russell and I told our folks we were going down back of the house in the swamp to pick.My mother and aunt Clara said dinner would be ready in about one half an hour,we should wait.We told them they could call us when it was ready. We found one tall bush loaded with big berries.Russell picked on one side,me on the other --- just scooped them into our pail and we got back before dinner with 14 quarts of big berries! Was they surprized,I'll never forget the look on my aunt Clara's face!"

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Lillian M.Allen.

CHILD NO.2.HAZEL MERCHANT(1919-) & RICHARD C.GRAY(1915-1977)

1938 The family moved to So.Berwick.

1939-40 Hazel met the family of Lester Littlefield which included three daughters who played musical instriments and held country dances in an old converted store.Hazel's parents bought her a Hohner Button accordian which she learned to play by ear,but not the bass.She still has this accordian now in 1986.Thus having befriended the girls and having learned to play,she thereafter played with the group.Other people from the area brought their instriments (if they played) and all would sing and dance,if they chose to,some would come and listen but a good time was enjoyed by all.

1942-43 The family moved to No.Berwick and Hazel got a job in the Woolen mill,the pay being $19.00 per week.As these were the war years,World War II, volunter special services were conducted by the York Chapter of the American Red Cross.Hazel wished to join the "Motor Corps" and in order to do so was required to complete five courses,which she did,they were;

Standed first aid
Advanced first aid
Home nursing
Motor mechanics
Nutrition

After her mother died in 1943,the family (now diminished) moved to Gloucester to reside at 17 Harvard Street.

1944 After her marriage,she and her husband settled at Pigeon Cove and began the task of rearing a family.Dick was a lobsterman and owned a 30 foot lobster boat.He went lobstering during the summer and fall,during the winter went trawling and jigging when the weather permitted.

1964 In Nov.of this year,Hazel and her children moved to Eugene,Missouri, where she bought a 40 acre farm,which included a six room house,two small barns, a garage and 10 x 16 workshop.She purchased a W.C.Allis Chamblers and a Farmall B.tracter.She had at one time,28 head of cattle and milked 7-8 head and sold the milk to "Kraft".At age 45,Hazel finaly got back to the country where she wished to be from the beginning.Here she was content,life seemed to have fulfillment for her,it was a dream come true,however not so wonderful for her husband.Dick continued his lobstering in Massachusetts and would travel to Missouri at Christmass and spend a couple of months.He tried desperately to get Hazel to move back to Gloucester,so as to be near the sea but she would not.This obviously caused a strain on their marriage.

1970 Hazel writes: "Dick had two bad heart attacks so had to sell his boat and gear to come down here.Not feeling good and not being content here,he was pretty miserable and made me miserable too,just when we should have been closer and happy." Dick passed away a few years later in 1977.

1984 Hazel still living on the farm but because of being afflicated with "arthritis of the spine" and the rising costs of keeping the cattle,she sold

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Lillian M.Allen.

CHILD NO.2.HAZEL MERCHANT(1919-) & RICHARD C.GRAY(1915-1977)

out her stock but retained the farm.She writes; "I love to see cattle roaming and I miss it yet.I would be up at 6 a.m. and work right up to 10-11 at night, a busy life for one person,taking care of the house and kids and all of the out-side chores too,but I was content and it was a healthy life."

She was a good carpenter,remodeling the house,keeping up the repairs on the buildings and even building a 200 foot board fence about her house at age 65.Also was called upon to do carpenter work for the church,the Spring Valley Church in Henley,Missouri,where she was a member.

A newspaper article as it appeared in the Eldon Advertiser May 14,1981;

COUSINS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME AT EUGENE

EUGENE - Mrs.Hazel Gray was recently surprised by having cousins whom she had never met come by to see her.They are Mr.and Mrs.Robert Merchant of Danvers,Mass.,and Shirley Stratman and family of Vienna,Mo. Frank R.Merchant,a nephew of Hazel's,of So.Berwick,Maine,has been working on the family tree of the Merchant family and located these cousins.

This marriage of 32 years was terminated by the death of her husband and the couple begot three children which follow;

CHILD I PAULINE SHIRLEY GRAY b.Jan.17,1947 at Gloucester and m.April 22,1967 Thomas Charles Christian at age 20 and he at age 26.Tom was b.Jan.11,1941 the son of (family name of Vaughan).He was adopted and has the name of Christian, his adoptive parents are Hobert Christian and Adilaid McQuire. They begot;

CHILD A MICHAEL CHARLES CHRISTIAN b.Nov.13,1967 at Jefferson City,Mo.

CHILD B MARK THOMAS CHRISTIAN b.Aug.21,1970 at " " "

CHILD C MARVIN LLOYD CHRISTIAN b.May 15,1975 at " " "

CHILD II ALICE JEAN GRAY b.March 19,1952 and m.July 19,1969 at age 17 to Timothy Earl Hawk who was b.Sept.12,1950 (18 at m.).He was born in Tuscumbia,Mo. No information on his parents.They begot;

CHILD A TERRIE LYNN HAWK b.May 13,1970 at Tuscumbia,Mo.

CHILD B TINA DARLENE HAWK b.Jan.19,1973 " "

CHILD C TIMITHY DANIEL HAWK b.Nov.15,1979 " "

CHILD III ALLEN RICHARD GRAY b.June 11,1954 and m.June 9,1973 Patricia Lea Roark who was b.Aug.13,1958 (Allen 18 at marriage and Patricia 14).No information on her parents.They begot;

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Lillian M.Allen.

CHILD NO.2.HAZEL MERCHANT(1919-) & RICHARD C.GRAY(1915-1977)

CHILD III ALLEN R.GRAY(1954-) & PATRICIA L.ROARK(1958-)

They begot;

CHILD A DENNIS LEE GRAY b.July 28,1974 at Jefferson City,Mo.

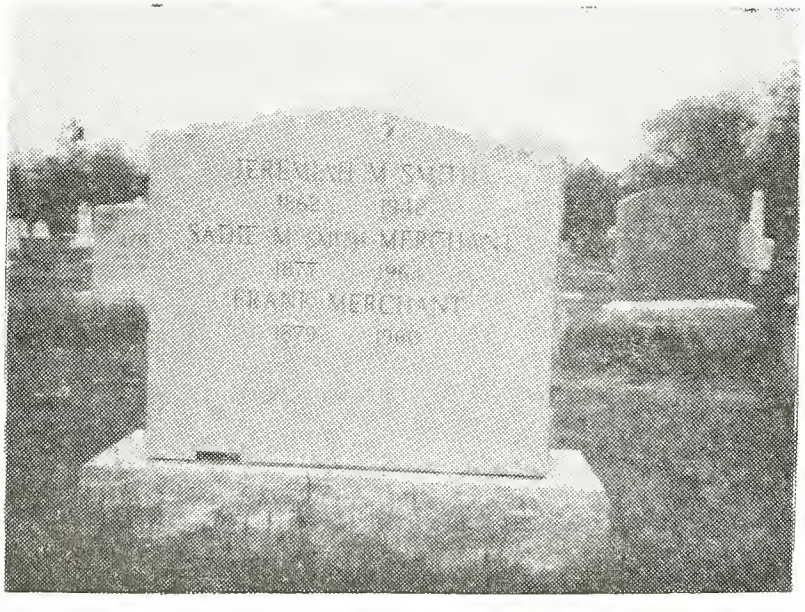
CHILD B LAURA ANN GRAY b.May 1,1976 at Tuscumbia,Mo.

CHILD C RICHARD BRIAN GRAY b.Sept. 1982

Children II Alice J.Gray and III Allen R.Gray were also born in Gloucester,Mass.

Richard Gray and Hazel Merchant
at 15 Harvard Street,Gloucester,Mass.
about 1945-46.

Frank Merchant and his second wife,Sadie Smith at 15 Harvard Street, Gloucester.



Frank Merchant is buried here in the Wesleyan Cemetery with Sadie.

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

A tribute to the women in our family,many who have struggled against almost impossible conditions but with great determination and faith have endured,and because of their endurance we have survived.

"Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,
so that he shall have no need of spoil.
She will do him good and not evil
all the days of her life.
She seeketh wool,and flax,
and worketh willingly with her hands.
She is like the merchants'ships;
she bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night,
and giveth meat to her household,
and a portion to her maidens.
She considereth a field,and buyeth it:
with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
She girdeth her loins with strength,
and strengtheneth her arms.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good:
her candle goeth not out by night.
She layeth her hands to the spindle,
and her hands hold the distaff.
She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
yea,she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid of the snow for her household:
for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;
her clothing is silk and purple.
Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
She maketh fine linen,and selleth it:
and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
Strength and honour are her clothing;
and she shall rejoice in time to come.
She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
She looketh well to the ways of her household,
and eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her children arise up,and call her blessed;
her husband also,and he praiseth her.
Many daughters have done virtuously,
but thou excellest them all.
Favour is deceitful,and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the L-rd,she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Proverbs 31:10-31

OUR TRUST IN G-D

"The L-rd is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
Yea,though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the L-rd for ever."

Psalms 23:1-6

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--- RUSSELL W. MERCHANT ---

"The poor laboureth in his poor estate,
and when he leaveth off,
he is still needy"

Ecclesiasticus 31:4

Russell Wilfred Merchant b.April 17,1908 at Gloucester and was the first-born child of Frank Merchant and Lillian M.Allen.He m.March 26,1932 Elsie Priscilla Hatch who was the dau. of Chester James Hatch and Evelyn Hobbs Johnson. Elsie was b.Nov.3,1912 and living at this writing.Russell d.March 5,1954 at South Berwick of "carcinoma of liver" age 45y.10m.19d.(Note - Russell died 1 month 12 days before his 46th birthday and his grandfather,Gorham,died 1 month 6 days after his 47th birthday.Was this a mere coincidence or predestination?)

This marriage of nearly 22 years was terminated by the death of the father and which resulted in 7 children begotten by this union.We have a description of Russell given on his claming license;

Height	5 feet 11 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	brown
Hair	brown bald
Occupation	clam digger

During his school days,took up the trapping of skunks for their pelts.One morning as he checked his traps,before going to school,he was sprayed upon, causing a great deal of damage to one eye and thereafter giving him limited vision the rest of his life.On this occasion,his clothing was burned and he failed to attend school that day,I think we can understand why!

1926 At age 18 joined the "Battery" or "State Armory" but didn't like it and fought to get out of it,later he and a companion run off to No.Caralina. His companion took off and he became stranded,sent home for money and returned home.

Sometime during his younger years took up the study of radio repair and then the study of taxidermy (the stuffing of birds and animals) but lost his interest and abandened such activities.

While yet in his youth,took up clam digging which type of work extended throughout most of his working days.He was very fast and proficient,digging with one hand and picking up with the other,seldom if ever piercing a clam. At low tide he used to dig out into the chanel by piling the mud in front so as to keep the water back and getting at the clams in this way.

From childhood until marriage,a plesant time was often had in Maine at the home of his great uncle,George Allen (he lived on a small farm and was an own uncle to Russell's mother) and it was here that he developed a love for farm life and which love lasted throughout his life.

In the years to come,we find him to be well read and consequently knowlegeable on many issues but he was very unsettled and moved his family about frequently.

1942 Living in No.Berwick on an old abandoned farm,known as the "Brackett" farm. (The owner of this farm had lived there many years before when he moved there with his young bride.Shortly thereafter,she died during childbirth and he left the farm never to return.) While Russell lived there ,he dabled in a little farming and worked out for Earl C.Duch (a meat processing establishment) making his living as a meat cutter.The farm did not bring many returns,but it was the pursuit of a dream,which never came true in spite of his efforts and his many attempts at it.

1944-45 Living back in West Gloucester where he purchased a farm,bought a team and several cows,sold milk to --- ? He raised a few hogs and attempted to raise mushrooms --- the several projects failed.At about this time went fishing out of Gloucester with Captain Tysver aboard a gill-netter.The pay was at times good and then not so good.There is in the pocession of his wife,two of his pay envelopes (1944) which has the following information;

Wages	$83.28	Wages	$232.56
Tax	2.30	Tax	36.03
S.S.	.87	S.S.	2.40
Food	4.00	Food	7.60
		Deduction	35.00(payment on cow)

The exspenses was first taken out of the total recieved from the catch taken. After that,the pay was divided as follows; Captain recieved a double share,the crew all recieved a divided share,the cook getting $1.00 extra.Each of the crew taking turns at being the cook,as it was considered a bad job,for the cook was the last to eat and sometimes got left out.

> "My father was cook at one time that he mentions,he says that he had cooked oatmeal one morning and no one would eat of it, so he thinks,he will have plenty to eat,but he couldn't eat of it either."

I recall him telling other experiences that he had while out to sea,which tell us something of the life of fishermen.

> "He tells of eating from tin plates and while eating,it was necessary to hold fast onto ones plate or it would slide right off the table,perhaps into the lap of a fellow fisherman."

> "I remember him telling of a man sitting on a pail and with a sudden lurch of the ship,both man and pail went scaling accross the deck."

> "Once when out to sea,a young fellow (first trip out) was feeling quite ill (a touch of sea sickness) and during the process of attempting to eat,the Captain,thinking it a great joke,took a piece of pork and while opening his mouth,slipped it in and out with much noise so as the young fellow,upon observing this

act,lost what control he had left and nearly lost his stomach. Father says that sea sickness is far from being a joke but a most terrible experience to have."

Russell had enjoyed fishing,after all it was a most important part of the family history,for after coming to Cape Ann in 1721,many men in the family made their living in this way,some lost their lives as well.However as we lived in West Gloucester,it was necessary to leave about 2/30 in the morning and he returned about 10 at night,this made a very long day and as he was away from home so much,he left fishing.In later years,he tried once again to go out fishing but as the Unions had now gotten control,and as he was not a member,he was not able to do so.He never went to sea again.

1946 Now living in Essex,for he had given up the farm,was not able to pay of the debts,so went clamming for Joseph Farnham who was a clam dealer and run a roadside resturant during the summer months.He got $4.50 per gallen.

1947 Now in So.Berwick living on the old George Allen farm and worked for the Hussey Mafg.Co. in No.Berwick.

1950 Moved down on the Bennet Lot Road in an old dilapidated house,the property being owned by a lumber dealer who had bought the property for the lumber.Russell bought the property for $1.00 with a morgage of $150. to pay off which he never did.The property consisted of a house (if you could still call it that),35 acres of mostly brush land.He was able to raise a garden, keep a few goats and hens etc.He had to replace all the foundation under the house,including the floors.The doors and windows were sent from Mrs.Robblee in Gloucester and at last enough of the house was repaired so as to be liveable, but he never lived to see it finished.

He made weekly trips to Gloucester to buy fish which he peddled out about the countryside.He was very paticular about the fish,would buy them right off the boats as they came in to the wharf.He kept them well iced and very clean. Always gave good measure.Sold haddock for the most part,on one occasion he bought a load of cod,which didn't sell and once bought a load of mackeral shark,this didn't sell either.Many of the fish peddlers sold this shark for swordfish and recieved a good profit in doing it.By telling the truth,the fish didn't get sold and so the family ate mackeral shark for some time.

The letter below written by Russell to his son,(F.R.M.) on Feb.8,1950

Dear Frank,

Just a few lines,have you located any second hand windows or lumber yet? You get around quite a lot,see if you can find some second timbers we could use for sills.At any rate if you find anything we need and at reasonable prices,let me know at once,as want to start to get things together soon,as want to start if possible around first of March,as your mother wants to move in our own house if possible on our wedding anniversery the 26 of March.We have got all our hay at Emelys,but haven't enough to last just a couple of weeks at most.Do you think you could get some hay for me.Mabe Mr.Hichens might have some extra, he would sell you cheap,but find out at once.If you can't get any,if you could get me some beet pulp,could feed goats and

hiefers on beet pulp and save hay for horse.Hate to ask for so much all the time,but thought I had enough hay to carry me. Come home when you can and we can talk things over about house and materials.Will let you know when I get ready to put roof on and if you can get a couple of days off,you can help me lay roofing.

Write soon as you can and let me know about hay as I am worried about getting so short.

Love
Dad

Another letter from Russell to (F.R.M.) dated Jan.25,1950

Dear Frank,

I suppose you will be surprized to hear from me so soon but got notice to pay my personal tax & Pole tax.I have written to Aunt to see if she would let me have the money to pay it, around $6.50 so am writing to you to see if you will send me $5.00 to pay on horse,as I can't ask her for so much.I should have paid it last month when I had it but always something comes up to take money.Also if you can send $1.00 extra so I can give it to Ridlon as he has been kicking again about bill I owe him.Anything you can get to help on house,get it and try to get it to us somehow.See if you can locate a sink somewhere,or if you can find any second hand windows,anything like that even if we have to pay something for them.Well Frank,I hate to ask you for so much all the time but it will square the horse up and that will be a big help.

Do what you can for me in regards to above and let me know if you find anything.

Dad

Russell always seemed to have trouble with his health,shortly after marriage, he had trouble with nerves,then trouble with his stomach for which the doctor prescribed iodine to be taken internly.

Often throughout the years the family had to rely on welfare assistence for survival and in those last years after the fish peddling ended,it was a complete dependence on welfare,and such was humiliation,to say the least. No matter how meaningful his family was to him,he somehow could not manage to supply the needs of his rather large family. We have a letter following from his aunt,Mrs.Evelyn M.Robblee to (F.R.M.) dated Sept.9,1952;

Dear Frankie;

Just a line now,I haven't much time now,as I have a lot to do this P.M. But want to mail this to you soon as possible. I just sent your father a letter,he came to see me last Thursday and went to Portland Hospital Wednesday.They didn't do anything for him,but want him to go again on a Thursday,Clinic Day,when several more doctors will be there and they will look him over and hold consultation over his case to find the trouble, and what can be done for him.They want him to come to stay for observation.Frankie he looks terribly,has gone down to 135 lbs.,

with all clothes on.He has been sick all summer,sick to stomach most of the time,can't eat much,and sometimes nothing suitable for a sick man to eat.They run very short of food at times.He wrote me they got home safely,but flat tire when near home. Said he was very tired from two tripes on the two days,but felt some better next day except his side,he could hardly move with that trouble.He gets kinks or sort of catches in side that cuts his breath.I never saw him look so badly and sick.Mrs.Day spoke of him looking so sick.At hospital they looked at a bunch he has on his stomach,Dr. said xray wouldn't show it.I am nearly crazy over his condition.Don't know if he will be able to come to me again.

Love from
Poor Aunt

1953 As his condition grew worse,he was confined to bed and at last was removed to the Windle Convalescent Home in So.Berwick where he latter passed away into his eternal sleep.He was then removed to the McIntire Memorial Funeral Home,Rev.Stanley Stevens of Cape Neddick officiated at the funeral. The funeral and burial was paid for by the State.This poverty that the family had come to,could not be wished upon anyone,yet others also at times fall into it.We may look back to our ancester Jabez Merchant who settled in Annisquam, Gloucester,came there in 1721,was a "Cordwainer",but in his old age also came to poverty (no social security in those days) as the town records show; April 12,1773 An order was drawn on the town treasurer for "the sum of ten shillings for making a coffin for Jabez Merchant deceased".

He was laid to rest at the Woodlawn Cemetery lot # 24,his grave being marked by a flat granite stone.The family monument reads "and I will raise up the dead from their places".

His obituary follows;

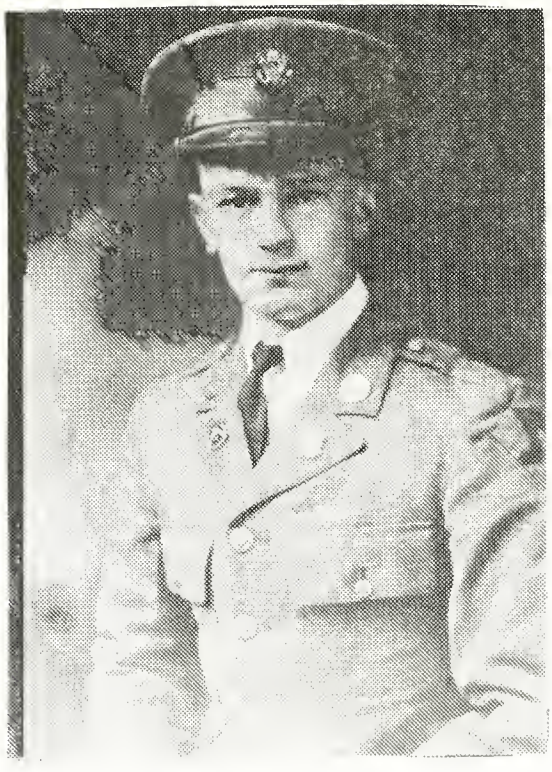
SOUTH BERWICK

Final rites were held at the McIntire Memorial Funeral Home Monday afternoon for Russell W.Merchant who died at the Windle Convalescent Home.

Survivors are his wife,Elsie;five sons,Frank of Farmington, N.H.,George of No.Berwick,Clement,David and Ralph all of So. Berwick;two daughters,Leona and Diana both of So.Berwick;his father,Frank Merchant of Gloucester,Mass.;one sister,Mrs.Hazel Gray of Rockport,Mass.

"The day of my term and the time have approached
For the angels who shall go with me
are standing before me
and urge me to my departure from you"

Enoch 55:1



Russell W.Merchant (1908-1954)

Taken at age 18 while in the State Armory.

Elsie Priscilla Hatch (1912-)
and child 1 (F.R.M.)

Russell W.Merchant and Elsie P.Hatch
Child 1 (F.R.M.) Child 2 George A.
Taken in No.Berwick,Maine about 1937.

Diana Iona Merchant (1940-) Child 5
Leona Evelyn Merchant (1936-) Child 3
Taken about 1957.

ELSIE PRISCILLA HATCH wife of Russell.

Elsie was an able helpmeet to her husband during his lifetime,aiding him on the farm which she herself took an active interest in.She kept a few goats, helped with the haying and the barn chores.As in the case with women in general,she was occupied with the care of her children,there being 7 from her first husband and 1 from her second.She cooked thousands of meals and could make a meal out of a little of nothing.Often there being but little money to use,so meals had to be gotten the best way possible.The usual diet consisted of what was avaible and this depended on the means of making it so.In the morning there would be corn meal mush or oat meal,sometimes fried mush.Other meals might be bean soup or poor mans soup (this was fried salt pork,potatoes and onions).Sometimes if there was enough money,she would buy hamburg and make a gravy to use on the potatoes or a salt fish gravy or more an likely, it would be a fried salt pork gravy that was used.When living in Essex,fish heads were aquired from the fish peddler and from these a very good fish chowder was prepared.Also a good batch of biscuits could be counted on.

As a young girl of nearly seven,she lost her mother of T.B.Her mother, Evelyn (Johnson) Hatch d.Oct.18,1919 at the age of 24.Thereafter being raised by her grandparents - George and Della (Ripley) Johnson.The upbringing she had was of a very strict nature,although not a religious home but stern and proper. She often has recalled to memory of being whipped with a wooden lathing.This method of disapline used and applied by her grandmother.We are told that when disapline was to be administed,her grandmother would send her or the others, (there being 3 other children in the family) to the bedroom and wait,later her grandmother would administer the whipping,this gave the children the time to think about what they had done,and also for the grandmother to calm a bit and not administer the punishment while in anger.We are reminded in the Scriptures, "withhold not correction from the child;if thou beatest him with the rod,he shall not die,thou shalt beat him with the rod and thou shalt deliver his soul from hell" Proverbs 23:13-14.The stern upbringing did not deter her from pocessing great love for her grandmother and which love she carries with her still.

Did not have any paticular religious persuation but was always interested in the study of the Bible and could carry on a discussion with anyone in regards to its teachings.

After the death of her first husband,Russell in 1954,she later m.Dec.4,1955 Kenneth Hunt of Wells,Maine.He was b.Aug.1,1914 and was son of John Hunt and ---- . This second marriage did not last principally because ofhis eratic behavior and unbridled temper both toward Elsie and their only child.

In 1960,Elsie went to work at Hubbard Shoe in Somesworth,N.H.She became a stitcher and also worked at binding,barring,lacing and bench work.She thus followed "shoe work" the remainder of her working years.She retired in 1981 because of her health,she had expressed the desire to continue working but was unable to do so.

Elsie (for the third time) m.Nov.22,1976 Lewellyn Robert Jenkins who was son of Lewis Jenkins and Dora Mulligan.Elsie was 64 at marriage and he was 74. Lew was b.March 8,1902 and d. 1985,age Abt.83.No children from this marriage.

Ancestry of Elsie P.Hatch
(wife of Russell W.Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Elsie P.Hatch
b. Nov.3,1912
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
m. March 26,1932
d.
p.d

2 Chester J.Hatch (Father of No. 1)
b. July 13,1888
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
m.
d. Nov.16,1960
p.d No.Berwick,Maine

3 Evelyn H.Johnson (Mother of No. 1)
b. May 26,1895
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
d. Oct.18,1919
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

4 George W.Hatch (Father of No. 2)
b. Nov.12,1860
p.b.
m.
d. Feb.13,1902
p.d Mansfield,Mass.

5 Lydia Walker (Mother of No. 2)
b. June 12,1854
p.b. Maine
d. June 26,1903
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

6 George A.Johnson (Father of No. 3)
b. Dec.23,1866
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
m.
d. April 14,1958
p.d So.Berwick,Maine

7 Della L.Ripley (Mother of No. 3)
b. Jan.10,1868
p.b. Brunswick,Maine
d. March 8,1947
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

Russell W.Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. April 17,1908
p.b. Glou.Mass.
d. March 5,1954
p.d. So.Berwick,Me.

8 Elijah Hatch (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 Anna Green (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 Solomon Walker (Father of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

11 Statira Norton (Mother of No. 5)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

12 William Johnson (Father of No. 6)
b. June 8,1839
p.b.
m.
d. Sept.13,1913
p.d No.Berwick,Maine

13 Elizabeth Bowen (Mother of No. 6)
b. April 1,1845
p.b.
d. Oct.1,1894
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

14 Henry Ripley (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 Mahala Weaver (Mother of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

16 b. (Father of No. 8,
m.
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17 (Mother of No. 8,
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18 b. (Father of No. 9,
m.
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19 (Mother of No. 9,
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20 b. (Father of No. 10,
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21 (Mother of No. 10,
b.
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22 b. (Father of No. 11,
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23 (Mother of No. 11,
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24 b. (Father of No. 12,
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25 (Mother of No. 12,
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29 (Mother of No. 14,
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30 b. (Father of No. 15,
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31 (Mother of No. 15,
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Family Group Sheet

Husband

Russell Wilfred Merchant	1908-1954	Age 45y.

Wife

Elsie Priscilla Hatch	1912-	Age

This couple was married on March 26,1932 at North Berwick,Maine.

Children of the above couple.

1.Frank Russell Merchant	1933-	Age
2.George Albert Merchant	1934-	Age
3.Leona Evelyn Merchant	1936-	Age
4.Clement Oscar Merchant	1938-	Age
5.Diana Iona Merchant	1940-	Age
6.David Lewellyn Merchant	1944-1972	Age 28y.
7.Ralph Amos Merchant	1948-	Age

The following child from the 2nd. marriage of Elsie Hatch Merchant & Kenneth Hunt on Dec.4,1955 in North Berwick,Maine.

8.John Hunt	1956-	Age

Descendants of Russell and his wife,Elsie P.Hatch.

CHILD NO.1.FRANK RUSSELL MERCHANT b.Jan.2,1933 and m.Sept.18,1954 Charlotte Ann Townes.She was b.Sept.16,1936 and was dau. of Paul N.Townes and Annie B.Staples. This couple will have their own chapter so will proceed with;

CHILD NO.2.GEORGE ALBERT MERCHANT b.May 22,1934 in Gloucester at 17 Harvard St. in the home of Evelyn M.Robblee.He m.April 7,1957 Vera Estelle Call,dau. of Leo Call and Blanch Morrell at No.Berwick.Vera was b.March 2,1940 at No.Berwick, and was 17 at marriage,George was 22.

This marriage ended in divorce and both later remarried.George m.(2nd - no data) Helen Krupski,dau. of Stanley Krupski and Viola Pino.She was b.Feb.4,1949 in Dover,N.H. The divorce of George and his 1st wife,Vera was probably 1967-68. Vera (2nd time) m.Oct.14,1972 Ronald Albert Jacques,son of Joseph Aldolph Jacques and Ruth Elizabeth Edwards.He was b.July 20,1948 in Rochester,N.H.

At a very early age,George was discovered to be a very hardy and vigorous youngster.At the age of 8 (living in Maine) would get the needed firewood for his mother to cook with.This wood was old boards taken from a collapsed barn nearby and broken up with an axe.

1944 Now living in West Gloucester,George dug clams for his father and shucked them at home.Picture if you will a cold morning in March,catching an early tide (clams must be dug at low tide) the banks of the marsh would be covered with broken sheets of ice,George would step out of the skiff into the cold mud in bare feet,the soft mud coming up around his ankles and sharp broken clam shells cutting his feet,yet all without complaint.

During the summer months when school was out,George with his elder brother, Frank would go claming,dig the tide and bring the clams home in a wheelbarrow, then shuck them out.As farm chores must also be done,the boys kept busy most of the time.Of course as boys will be boys,a great deal of fooling around was involved and the work draged on forever,or so it seemed.On one occasion when the boys were out claming,a small boat (a sort of kayak) was found washed up on the shore.The boys dallied about and it soon was high tide,so loaded the clams into the boat and headed for home.As the creek wound its way right by the farm,it seemed to be sensible to do this.However as neither of the boys could swim,the mother was greatly upset over the whole affair.

It must be mentioned that George became a very efficient shucker of clams, for he could compete with any adult at the work.

1946 George worked for Joseph Farnham, (a clam dealer and owner of a road-side resturant in Essex) pealing potatoes and shucking clams.

1947-53 After the family moved to Maine,he found some work,on the nearby farms and in particular with Henry Schulmaier who operated a dairy farm and small pulp and lumber business,in No.Berwick.

1952 Probably around the first of August,an incident occured which landed poor George in jail,under suspicion of robbery,in Alfred,Maine.George was 18 at the time,was doing some work for a neighbor,about her house,when she dis-covered her pocketbook missing.She thought George must have taken it and later

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being encouraged by family members,lodged a complaint against him and which landed him in jail until the high court convined,afterward because of the lack of evidence,was released.But the damage had been done,having been arrested and later handcuffed to the lamppost in So.Berwick square (while the sheriff ate in the diner) having been grilled countless times by the police and then remaining in prison for about two months,he never forgot nor forgave the police for their actions toward him.Sometime later it had been rumored that the neighbor had found her pocketbook in the place where she had hid it but was urged by her family to remain quiet about the matter,and so she did.

Extracts from a letter written to F.R.M. by Evelyn M.Robblee,dated Sept.9, 1952 follow;

> "Then beside being sick and poor he is in terrible trouble over your brother George. (Their neighbor) their one time friend as they thought has tried to fasten a crime on poor George and lodged him in Alfred Jail under $1000. bond for next court which starts in Oct.He has been there for three or more weeks. Nobody believes he did it,but he was all alone in first court, nobody to help him and his father was so upset,they couldn't bear to go.So they convicted him on circumstancial evidence, just that old womans word."
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> "Your father is so sick and penniless and is helpless to defend his boy.If convicted,penality is 3 to 5 years in jail or prison.I think he always claims his innocense in court and to them all.They grilled him 2 or 3 nights,2 or 3 hours at a time,put 2 or 3 powerful lights in his face while questioning him.And I guess they are grilling him a lot,trying to force him to confess to something he is not guility of.She got George to handle empty pockerbook she took to house just to get his fingerprints and they have taken his picture.They want to convict him and with no lawyer to defend him,they will probably do it.Poor boy,innocent,poor,nobody to lend him a hand.Your father has a good recommended lawyer but costs too much.He thinks he can check the case before court.I cannot pay it, impossible,as I have helped them so much.But I will help some, best I can,with others.Perhaps somebody might get up a collection down there for him,if you or somebody would start it.I may try for donations up here,but money is so tight and most people are so selfish.Frankie go home to your sick and grief stricken father.Try to encourage and help him if possible.He will be so glad to see a friendly son.If you don't you will always regret it as he can't stand much more,nor I either,I am terribly upset.He is too sick to get around.I wrote to Hazel yesterday about him,must close,go to him Frankie dear.It will surely finish me up,so much trouble."
>
> Love from poor Aunt

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Note on the previous letter; As can be assumed,there was a great deal of pain and bitternest over the situation,however after George was released and the incident was past,there was no longer any hard feelings toward this neighbor because it was relized that she was advanced in age and that it was indeed a mistake.The lasting damage was because of the methods employed by the police and the attitudes that existed among them.

1954 March 18,enlisted in the U.S.Army,7th Army,4th Armored Div.,just 13 days after the death of his father.He was discharged March 22,1956 as Corporal, his term of enlistment being up.

1957 After marriage was employed by Raymond Ouellette,who was in the saw mill business.George operated a half-tract and worked as a scoot loader.

1967 A serious accident occured while in the process of sawing fire wood under employment of Mr.Ouellette.The wood was being sawed with a saw attachment hooked up on the back of a farm tractor,George had just swaped places with another worker when a bolt holding the saw guide in place let go and the guide fell onto the saw.A strip of the metal was cut out of the guide striking George in the eye.This fragement of steel after cutting the eye in half,embedded itself in the bone above the eye.Later was given a glass eye which he wore from that time on.

Some years later,was employed by Roberts Shoe Company Inc. in Somesworth, N.H. and at the So.Berwick Shoe Company,a division of Duchess Footware. Remained here at the latter place for about 10 years.

The marriage of George and Vera lasted about 10 years and they begot;

CHILD I GEORGE ALBERT MERCHANT b.Aug.12,1957 more p.358

CHILD II LEO RUSSELL MERCHANT b.July 20,1958 more p.358

CHILD III BLANCH ESTELLE MERCHANT b.Oct.31,1959 more p.358

CHILD IV PRISCILLA VERA MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1960 more p.359

CHILD V LOUISE ALBERTA MERCHANT b.Feb.3,1963 more p.359

CHILD VI RAYMOND MORSE MERCHANT b.March 25,1965

CHILD VII VERONICA RUTH MERCHANT b.July 4,1966 more p.359

CHILD VIII SAMANTHA ANNETTE MERCHANT b.Dec.18,1967 more p.359

George and his second wife,Helen Krupski begot;

CHILD IX GEORGE DAVID MERCHANT b.July 29,1969 He was born George Albert Krupski,however in April of 1982 his name was corrected.

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George and his second wife Helen Krupski begot 2 children,the 2nd was;

CHILD X HELEN FLORENCE MERCHANT b.July 12,1971

The first wife of George Merchant was Vera Call who remarried Ronald Jacques,and begot a set of twins and as they are half brothers to the Children of George we shall list them;

CHILD XI RONALD ALBERT JACQUES b.July 17,1973

CHILD XII JOSEPH ALDOLPH ALBERT JACQUES b.July 17,1973

These twins were born in Dover,N.H.as were all the children of George Merchant.

The childrens history follows;

CHILD I GEORGE ALBERT MERCHANT JR. b.Aug.12,1957 is married and has a son;

CHILD A NATHAN ELIJAH MERCHANT b.Abt. 1984-?

CHILD II LEO RUSSELL MERCHANT b.July 20,1958 and m.Oct.- 1984 ? Darlene Corless,dau. of Charles Corless and Elizabeth King.They have begotten a son;

CHILD A LEO RUSSELL MERCHANT JR. b.Jan.5,1986

CHILD III BLANCH ESTELLE MERCHANT b.Oct.31,1959 married Aime M.Jacques,son Albert Jacques and Ruth Edwards.He was born Abt.1960 and d.Dec.9,1984 from an industrial accident.They begot;

CHILD A ANTHONY JACQUES (no data)

CHILD B CARRIE ANN JACQUES b.Nov.9,1981

The obituary of her husband;

AIME M. JACQUES

Aime M.Jacques,24,of 40 Lafayette St.,Rochester,died Dec.9 as the result of injuries suffered in an industrial accident at the Magnum Corporation in Somersworth.

A native of Rochester,he had lived in the Somersworth - Berwick area for much of his life.He was employed at the Magnum Corporation as a plastic-mold machine operator.

Family members include his wife,Mrs.Blanch (Merchant) Jacques of Rochester;a son,Anthony Jacques,and a daughter, Miss Carrie Jacques,both of Rochester;his parents,Albert and Ruth (Edwards) Jacques of Rochester;two brothers,James Jacques and Ronald Jacques,both of Berwick,Maine;two sisters,Mrs.Walter (Carol) Libby of Somersworth and Mrs.Norman (Nancy) York Jr. of

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The obituary of Aime Jacques continued;

> Rochester,and aunts,uncles,nieces and nephews.
> A massof Christian burial was celebrated Dec.12,at Our Lady of Peace Church in Berwick.Entombment is in Mt.Calvary Cemetery,with burial to follow in the spring.
> The Roberge and Son Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CHILD IV PRISCILLA VERA MERCHANT b.Dec.17,1960 and married Robert Pipin, they have begotten a son;

CHILD A NICKALAS PIPIN (no data)

CHILD V LOUISE ALBERTA MERCHANT b.Feb.3,1963 m.Jan.1,1986 Charles Hapgood son of Eleanor Hapgood (no information on the father). They begot;

CHILD A TANYA LYNN HAPGOOD b.Nov.17,1981

CHILD B JENNEY LEE HAPGOOD b.Jan.6,1984

CHILD C CHARLES RENARD HAPGOOD b.May 20,1985

CHILD D ADRIAN ANN HAPGOOD b.June 30,1986

Nothing further on child VI so will continue with;

CHILD VII VERONICA RUTH MERCHANT b.July 4,1966 and married James Coscell. The two sisters,Veronica and Samantha married two brothers.
Veronica and her husband have begotten a girl;

CHILD A JAMIE COSCELL b.May 24,1985

CHILD VIII SAMANTHA ANNETTE MERCHANT b.Dec.18,1967 and m.July 12,1986 Mike Coscell.

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CHILD NO.3.LEONA EVELYN MERCHANT b.Aug.18,1936 at West Gloucester and m.Nov.9, 1976 Rev.Everett Hilbert Arnold at York,Maine.He was age 65 and she was 40. Rev. Arnold was b.July 20,1911 and d.Aug.28,1980 age 69y.1m.8d. He was a son of Charles F.Arnold and Lizzie Bell Frost.

The early life of Leona Merchant was one of servitude in her families household being called upon to aid in whatever was being done or that needed to be done.At age of 9 had the responsibility of the younger children and household chores.When it was time to attend school,she did so in bare feet and with the skimpest of clothing till the welfare officials came up with some aid.This applied to the other children in regards to clothing but it fell upon her to be cought up in a constant turmoil of uncompleted work and being a girl,it must have been doubley hard on her.

It will be noticed that at age 40 she married.When at age of 18 and with child,Rev.Arnold took her in and sort of became a father to her.She stayed on in that household and years later married him.She writes in a letter shortly after her marriage; "As for marrying Everett,I did it for him.I could not see him go to an old man's home after he has been so good to me.I love him as I do a Dad.I will try and be a good wife."

Rev.Arnold had been in earlier life a salesman for "McNess Products" and on May 13,1951 he was ordained to the ministry in the Christian Church and served at one time a parish in Blue Hill,Maine.

For several years he was troubled with blindness due to his being a diabetic. According to the doctors he was totally blind but for the most part,except under certain conditions,he could manage quite well.He often said, "I can see with G-d's eyes."In later years he had preached at several churches in York,Cape Neddick and in No.Berwick at the Beech Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.

For those who knew him,he could talk as much as any man living,a great gift of speech for he could also converse on most any subject and quite thoroughly at that.

Besides his work in the ministry he was also an ardent gardener and a fine carpenter.In his garden he often produced some very fine specimens or types of vegetables.He often experimented with new types and if someone gave him a different strain of seed he would name it and sometimes for the person giving it to him.Once someone gave him a new strain of string bean and praised it exceptionally,in fact so much that when the beans grew they did not do nearly as well as this man claimed they would,so Rev.Arnold named them "exaggeration beans".

In the work of the ministry he was a Christian fundamentalist but leaned quite heavily to the liberal side of that faith which perhaps explains his statement "I wish to be a friend to every man".

After he passed away while in the York hospital,he was laid in his final resting place at the First Parish Cemetery at York,Maine.

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CHILD NO.3.LEONA E.MERCHANT(1936-) & EVERETT H.ARNOLD(1911-1980)

The obituary of Rev.Everett Arnold;

EVERETT ARNOLD

YORK - Rev.Everett H.Arnold,69,South Side Road,died Thursday at the York Hospital following a long illness.

Born here July 20,1911,the son of the late Charles F. and Lizzie (Frost) Arnold,he had served a parish in Blue Hill,Maine.

Surviving are his widow,Mrs.Leona (Merchant) Arnold,York; three daughters,Mrs.Lillian Trefrey,California,Mrs.Mary Harron, Montrose,Pa.,and Mrs.Marion Powell,residence unknown;three brothers,Charles Arnold,Bar Harbor,Maine,Stanley W.Arnold, Portsmouth,and Malcom E.Arnold,Jacksonville,Fla.;13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

There had been no children begotten in this marriage,those listed in his obituary were from a previous marriage.There was a child born to Leona Arnold, but was born previous to the marriage.

CHILD I GAIL ANN MERCHANT b.May 18,1955 at York,Maine and m.May 26,1973 Ricky Allen Calebro of Huntersville,North Carolina.He was b.1954 and was son of Lester Leroy Calebro and Emmer Lou King. They begot;

CHILD A STEPHEN JAMES CALEBRO b.June 15,1974 in Portsmouth,N.H.

This marriage ended in divorce as it seems the father was not willing to settle down to married life. Gail m.April 26,1977 William Barnett of Calery,Pa. (2nd marriage) He was b.Dec.14,1954 and was son of Norman Elvin Barnett and Barbara Ann Marburger.At present,he is a staff Sergeant in the Air Force. Gail and her second husband begot;

CHILD B KIMBERLY DAWN BARNETT b.May 24,1978 in Portsmouth,N.H.

CHILD C CARRIE ELIZABETH BARNETT b.Feb.8,1980 in Dover,Delaware.

Following is a copy of Rev.E.H.Arnolds ordination to the ministry;

This is to certify that after a satisfactory relation of his Christian experience,call to the Ministry,and views of Bible doctrine,

EVERETT H. ARNOLD

was publicly ordained to the work of

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

on the 13th day of May 1951,by a Council of Churches,composed of 5 messengers from 4 churches,convened at the call of the

FOUR-SQUARE GOSPEL ASS.

Church at York Maine

Rev.Alfred T.Bradstreet - moderator

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CHILD NO.4.CLEMENT OSCAR MERCHANT b.Nov.16,1938 in Ipswich,Mass. and m.Oct.22, 1955 Beverly Ann Hill dau. of Herbert Hill and Eleanor Oxner,in the brides former home at Ogunquit,Maine,by the Rev.Stanley Stevens.He at age 16 and she was age 19.Beverly was b.March 7,1936 at York,Maine.Both now living 1983.

Clement m.April 22,1961 (2nd) Patricia Junkins,dau. of Jessie Junkins and Verna Call at Alfred,Maine.She was b.June 27,1941 at Kennebunk and had children previous to this marriage.

Beverly later remarried Charles Sanborn,son of Lester Sanborn and Ruth Pike, on May 20,1961.Charles was b.Sept.27,1932 in Shapleigh,Maine.

In very early childhood certain characteristics began to be noticed,first that Clement was a very generous person and second that he had a great curiosity and eargerness for work.He would paticapate in what ever type of work that he confronted,and usally was successful at doing it.His history reveals that he was no stranger to work and although had inherited a rather shy nature,it did not appear to bother him in business matters.It should be noted that he did not work soley as a means of acquiring possessions but would work in eagerness for the sake of the work itself.

In 1945 when the family lived in West Gloucester,his mother would send him to the local grocery store for supplies as he could remember the many items needed without her writting out a list.He possessed a very sharp and clear mind for a boy of only 7.

1946 The family had now moved to Essex and after school would walk to a local roadside resturant and peal potatoes for the owner,a distance of 4 1/2 miles including the walk home.His two elder brothers also took part in the enterprize.The pay being $1.00 for pealing one hundred pounds of potatoes.On one in question,Clement did not attend school,but instead went to the resturant and completed the job and thus getting the $1.00.This did not set well with his brothers who quit when they found out what had been done.Now Clement at age 8 had the job all to himself.Here we take note of his developing character,he wanted the job and got it because he delighted in working.On the way home he would buy food to eat but first bring it home and divide it.On one occasion,he bought soft drinks and cakes (as children are wont to do) and in the process of dividing it up,forgot to save any for himself.

During that summer,while swimming in the nearby creek,stepped on a broken glass bottle and cut his left big toe off,lengthwise.He bled profusely and needless to say,it didn't take his father long to get him to the hospital.

1947 After moving to So.Berwick,he quickly adjusted and soon found odd jobs to do,from spliting wood to cleaning out barns and outhouses,he always was able to find something.In making his almost daily trips to town for food or other supplies,he was usually chosen,for he quickly learned the cost of each item and which store had the cheapest product.He would get the needed items and always was able to get extra money for spending,and still bring back the correct change.

1954 We find him painting for Herbert Hill in Ogunquit,who later became

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his father-in-law.

1955 After his marriage,he continued in the employement of his father-in-law for a time,later in the year going to work for Roy M.Littlefield,who operated a stationary sawmill at No.Berwick where his brother,Frank,was also employed.Mr.Littlefield also had an oil business.Although several jobs were involved, his main job was in operating the logging truck.Here he remained till the mill closed in 1957,he then returned to paint for his father-in-law.

1958 He became employed at Davidson Rubber Company Inc. at Dover,N.H. where he labored for 21 years,leaving in 1980 .He began as an oven operator,tending ovens which contained molds for automotive accessaries such as arm rests,visors, bumpers etc. He became maintaince foreman but as he was required to work 7 days a week and 12-14 hours a day,he left the operation.He said,"Its too much".

1980 Afterwards built a garage offering macanical services but as it was in an isolated area and this was during a recession,the work came slowly and again offered services to friends and family at reduced cost and sometimes even free, so soon found it necessary to do something else.

As firewood became a great demand during these years,he got into this business.The equipment used was a chain saw,a dump truck and a skidder. (A skidder is a large rubber tired tractor thatcan move around almost any place off the road and whole trees would thus be dragged out of the woods and into a clearing or yard where the trees would then be cut into desired lengths,loaded into a waiting truck and delivered.It was at this time that an incident occured,that we take noteof.On purchasing a load of wood from a neighbor,on the same road where he lived,the price being $80.,loaded it in his dump truck and parked it in front of his house and sold it the same day for $170.He lived in Farmington, N.H. during these years and is there still.

For many years became a stock car racer,both building and driving his own cars.He followed the hobby for 15 years but it became very expensive so gave it up.He notes that at one time that he put $1700. into an engine then drove it around the tract and blew it.At one time he put $3000. into an engine and blew that also.

1981 He became an enthusist on "working ponies",drove a team in the woods and pulled them at Fairs in "Pony Pulls" and traveled about the state of Maine doing this.At present he has two teams of these "working ponies"

Clement and his first wife,Beverly Hill were married less than 6 years and begot;

CHILD I CLEMENT OSCAR MERCHANT JR. b.March 16,1956 more p.364

CHILD II RUSSELL HERBERT MERCHANT b.June 12,1957 more p.364

CHILD III ROBERTA JEAN MERCHANT b.Dec.8,1958 more p.365

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Their 4th and his last child;

CHILD IV AUDREY ELEANOR MERCHANT b.Aug.24,1960 and d.Feb.23,1961 of "meningococcus meningitis" age 5m.27d. This little daughter is buried in the Hillside Cemetery No.Berwick.

Clement Merchant's wife married 2nd. Charles Sanborn and begot two children whom we will list as they are half brother and half sister to those of her and Clement.

CHILD V THERESA ANN SANBORN b.Jan.24,1963 in Sanford,Maine.

CHILD VI CHARLES RALPH SANBORN b.March 17,1964 in Sanford,Maine.

Now we will return to the history of Clem's children;

CHILD I CLEMENT OSCAR MERCHANT JR. b.March 16,1956 in York,Maine and m.Aug. 13,1982 Rosile Jacobson dau. of Waldo Jacobson and ------ at the Fidelity Grange Hall at Maryville,Washington.This couple lived in Arlington,Washington. Clement is employed on a sheep ranch,so we are told.Rosile d.Aug.11,1984 just 2 days before her wedding anniversary.The couple had been riding home on a motorcyle and after hitting a soft sholder,she was thrown off killing her instantly.Their marriage was recorded in a Western newspaper and reads;

MERCHANT - JACOBSON

MARYSVILLE,wash.,Rosile Jacobson and Clem Merchant were married Aug.13,at the Fidelity Grange Hall.Justice of the Peace Roger Fisher performed the evening ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr.and Mrs.Waldo Jacobson of Whidbey Island,Washington.The bridegroom is the son of Mr. (Clement Merchant) and Mrs.Beverly Sanborn,the latter living on 5 Mill Street Springvale,Maine.

Matron of honor was Deborah Grimm.The flower girl was Alicia Grimm.

Lanon Smith was best man.Ushers were Ron Kazen and Sam Grimm. Christopher Kazen was ringbearer.

After a wedding trip to eastern Washington,the couple are at home in Arlington,Wash.,where Mr.Merchant is employed.

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CHILD II RUSSELL HERBERT MERCHANT b.June 12,1957 in Sanford,Maine and m.Oct. 6,1979 Marjorie Janella Seavey at Springvale.She was b.Oct.21,1948 at Springvale, and was the dau. of Earl Seavey and Helen M.Shedd. After a divorce,Russell again m.June 12,1981 Deanna Jo Webber at Wells.She was b.April 17,1965 at York and is the dau. of Arthur Webber and Minnie -----. Russell and his first wife, Marjorie begot;

CHILD A AMANDA ELANE MERCHANT b.July 13,1980

CHILD B CHRISTOPHER DAVID MERCHANT b.Aug.2,1981.

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CHILD II RUSSELL H.MERCHANT(1957-) & DEANNA J.WEBBER(1965-)

This marriage of Russell and his 2nd. wife Deanna begot;

CHILD C RUSSELL HERBERT MERCHANT JR. b.June 6,1983 in Bidderford.

CHILD D MELISSA LOUISE MERCHANT b.Oct.29,1984

CHILD III ROBERTA JEAN MERCHANT b.Dec.8,1958 in Sanford and m.Dec.9,1978 Larry E.Stanley at Parsonfield,Maine.He was b.Sept.3,1948 at So.Hiram,Maine and was the son of Fulton E.Stanley and Ruth E.Eastman.Roberta was age 20 and he was age 30 at marriage.Larry works at a lumber mill,while Roberta works in the local Woolen Mill.This couple begot;

CHILD A JASON LARRY STANLEY b.July 1,1979 in Portland,Maine.

CHILD B JESSICA LYNN STANLEY b.Feb.22,1981 in Sanford.

This couple and their children are presently living in Kezer Falls,Maine,1983.

Return to child I Clement Jr. (on page 364) for more on his wife,Rosile; Her obituary follows;

ROSALIE E.(JACOBSON)MERCHANT

Rosalie Elaine (Jacobson) Merchant 34,of Arlington,died Aug.12,1984 from injuries recieved in a motorcycle accident. She was born June 19,1950 in Monroe and had lived in Arlington all her life.She graduated from Redmond High School in 1969.

She leaves her husband,Clement of the family home,one sister, Debarah Grimm of Maine,three brothers,Neal Jacobson and Curt LeRoy,both of Freeland and Craig LeRoy of Everett,father and stepmother,Waldo and Lee Jacobson of Freeland;mother,Lillian Hemikson of California;and numerous nieces and nephews.She was preceded in death by her brother,Marli.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Thursday in the Gospel Hall, Arlington Cemetery.Arrangements are under direction of the Weller Funeral Home,Arlington.

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CHILD I CLEMENT O.MERCHANT JR.(1956-) & ROSILE JACOBSON(1956-1984)

The following poem written in memory of Rosile,the day after her death;

"ROSIE"

Death - is something scary,and so very terrifying.
Something so bad and ugly,to us that are left here on earth.
It is so unusal,to have to try to understand -
The reason G-d called your name,at this particular time.

Death - makes us open up our eyes -
To make us see,what it is that we have;
at the time.
Something we will all have to go through -
Not knowing what to say;
or what to do.

Rosie - you are going to be missed;
more than you ever thought -
And Clem will always have a special place in our hearts -
For all the joy,fear,pain and tears -
That may never ever leave him;
for so ,so many years.

We will all think of you,and remember you,
As you were the last time we saw you -
The smile on your face and the joy in your eyes -
Now you will be resting in G-ds own Little World,
Rosie - rest in peace,
And we will never forget you,
Your smile,or your voice.

Your friend,
Laura

October 13,1984

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CHILD NO.5.DIANA IONA MERCHANT b.Oct.9,1940 in Gloucester,Mass., m.Nov.28,1958-? Marcel J.Ducharme son of Mrs.Jeannette Ducharme.(No information on his father) They were married at the Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth,N.H. and now reside in Springvale,Maine.They begot;

CHILD I MARIE DUCHARME b.Abt.1960

CHILD II TIMOTHY DUCHARME b.Abt.1962

CHILD III LISA DUCHARME b.Abt.1966

CHILD IV DEBORAH DUCHARME b.Abt.1969

The only further information we have on the children is that child I Marie is married and has children.

We include a clipping from the Sanford Tribune on the wedding of Diana Merchant and Marcel Ducharme;

DIANA MERCHANT
MARCEL DUCHARME
Married Nov.28

Miss Diana Iona Merchant and Marcel J.Ducharme,both of Springvale,were united in marriage Saturday morning Nov.28,at the Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth,N.H. The double ring ceremony was performed.Mrs.Jackson of Portsmouth was the organist.

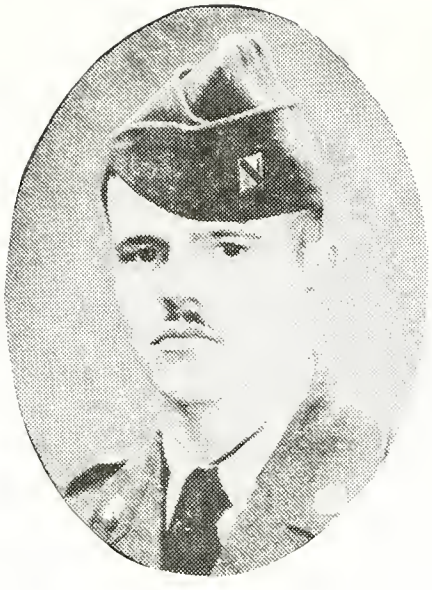
The bride wore a ballerina-length dress of black net over red taffeta,which was trimmed with sequins and a red hat with face veil.She carried a prayer-book with yellow roses.

Witnesses were Albert Vallee of Sanford and Oscar Ducharme Jr.,of Springvale,brother of the bridegroom.

A reception followed at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs.Jeannette Ducharme of Mill Street,Springvale.Fortyfive guests attended.

The couple is residing at 10 1/2 Frost Street,Springvale, after a wedding trip.The bride wore a red wool ensemble for traveling.

Mrs.Ducharme graduated from No.Berwick High School last year.Mr.Ducharme is employed by the Continental Shoe Company, Portsmouth,N.H.



George Albert Merchant
(1936-) Child 2

"was a very hardy and vigorous youngster"

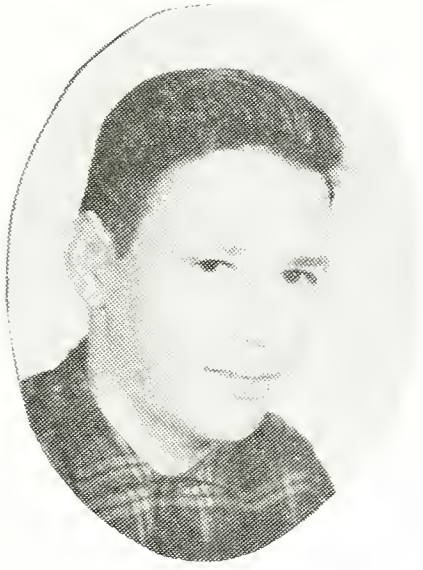
David Lewellyn Merchant
(1944-1972) Child 6

"was killed by a speeding car"

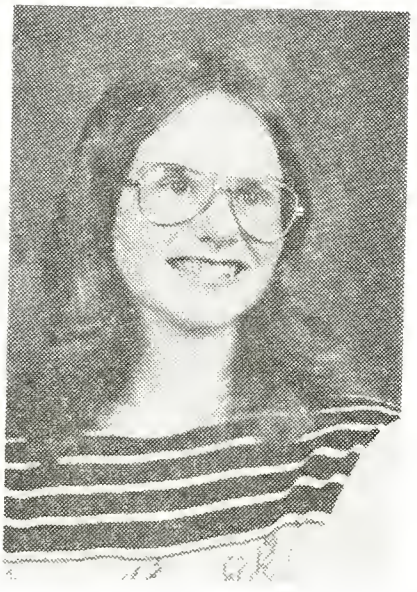
Russell W.Merchant
Photo from his claming license
(1943)

Elsie P.Hatch
Photo taken in her 60's

Clement O.Merchant (Child 4)
"would work in eagerness for the sake of the work itself"



Ralph A.Merchant (child 7)



Roberta J.Merchant
(dau. of Clement)

Descendants of Russell and his wife,Elsie P.Hatch.

CHILD NO.6.DAVID LEWELLYN MERCHANT b.Sept.7,1944 in Gloucester,Mass. (never married) and d.Oct.14,1972 at Rollinsford,N.H. of a "fractured skull" at age 28y.1m.7d.

It was known at a very early age that David was slow,when he started school, some of the students and even some teachers called him the "Merchant fool" but these were very inconsiderate people.He was no fool but was slow to learn those things that others of his age quickly cought on to.This put him at a disadvantage for when his father died,he was but 9 years old,the family broke up,the state having taken the smaller children and placed them about at will.This shifting about from place to place had the effect of causing him to be unsettled so in later life,he continued moving about,never staying for long in any one place.

He became employed as a "lumberjack",working for Raymond J.Ouellette who operated a portable sawmill.David worked as slabman,scoot loader and occasionaly drove one of the half-tracs which supplied the mill with loggs from the woodlot. (The half-trac was a farm tracter with the usual four rubber tired wheels but with the addition of two dummy wheels at the center between front and rear wheels and with a steel linked trac,running about the rear and middle wheels. This enabled the tracter to operate in areas in which it normerly could not.)

David operated a taxi for "Joes Taxi" in Somesworth,N.H.

He had a very outgoing personality,a good looking young man with a fine physical build which made him attractive to some of the young ladies.He never married but nearly so at one time but the young lady changed her mind.

After his death,he was removed to the McIntyre Memorial Funeral Home at So.Berwick.The funeral was well attended in fact,some had to stand during the service as there were not enough seats avaible.In moving about,he had acquired many acquaintences and although these often would shake their heads at some of his antics and remarks,he had been most helpful to all,always willing to help at any chore whenever he might drop in.All thought of him as a friend.

For some time before his death,he often expressed the desire that he might be buried beside his father and so he was,for he was laid to rest beside his Dad at the Woodlawn Cemetery,lot # 24 in So.Berwick.His grave being marked by a flat stone marker.He now waits,time passing unmeasured,for the voice of G-d which shall release him from the grave.

His obituary follows;

ACCIDENT CLAIMS HILLTOP RESIDENT

ROLLINSFORD - A 28 year old Somersworth man was killed instantly Saturday evening,when struck from behind by a car on Main Street.

Rollinsford Police Chief Albert England identified the victim as David Merchant of 9 1/2 Prospect Street,Somersworth.He was hit as he walked southerly on Main Street near Lauze's Garage,

Descendants of Russell and his wife,Elsie P.Hatch.

CHILD NO.6.DAVID L.MERCHANT(1944-1972) (never married)

His obituary continues;

> in a section known as the "Flats".
> The driver of the vehicle was listed as John Crowley,27,of 1 South Street,Rollinsford.He was also traveling south on Main Street,and the portion of roadway where the accident occured was unlit,police said.
> According to the police report,Rollinsford Police Capt.Leo Doyon and Officer Richard Fogarty came upon the scene moments after the 6:35 p. m. mishap,and called immediately for the South Berwick Rescue Squad Ambulance.
> Mr.Merchant was pronounced dead at the scene,and Strafford County Medical Referee Dr.Allen Handy said death was caused by multiple fractures and a fractured skull.
> Sgt.Gary Bisson,who joined the investigation along with Chief England and N.H.State Trooper Andre Morin,said apparently Mr.Merchant was hit and flipped up and over the automobile, which showed damage to the right front fender and right rear trunk section.
> Also called in the investigation was Strafford County Attorney T.Casey Moher.No charges have been pressed,and officials said the investigation is continuing.There were no witnesses to the accident,Sgt.Bisson reported.
> Funeral services for David Merchant will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the McIntyre Memorial Funeral Home in South Berwick.Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.
> Friends may call at the Funeral Home today from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.
> Mr.Merchant was a native of So.Berwick and had lived in Somersworth for several years.
> Survivors include his mother,Mrs.Elsie (Merchant) Hunt Somesworth;four brothers,Frank Merchant of So.Berwick,Clement Merchant of Rochester,George Merchant of Rollinsford and Ralph Merchant,address unknown;two sisters,Leona Merchant of York, Maine and Diana Merchant of Sanford,Maine.

CHILD NO.7.RALPH AMOS MERCHANT b.Jan.25,1948. Served 2 years in the U.S.Army, is living in New York,married and working on construction.No further information on him.

Russell Merchant's wife Elsie married 2nd. Kenneth Hunt,they begot;

CHILD NO.8.JOHN HUNT b.Jan.29,1956 and married Lisa Chase who was dau. of Raymond Chase and Jacqueline T. ----- .Lisa was b.1955 and d.1980 of a shooting accident.John and Lisa had separated soon after marriage and she then took up residence with her folks,after which an accident occured.Someone in the home was cleaning a 45 automatic pistol which discharged killing her instantly. As she requested,she was cremated and cast into the sea.(In regards to cremation,this practice is gaining somewhat in popularity in these times,although

Descendants of Russell and his wife,Elsie P.Hatch.

We have completed the history of the children of the above couple.Elsie married 2nd. Kenneth Hunt and begot one child; (from previous page)

CHILD NO.8.JOHN HUNT(1956-) & LISA CHASE(1955-1980)

forbidden in the teachings of Holy Scripture,both by law and custom.We feel not only sadend by the lost of this kindly young woman but the lost seems greater because she was deprived of a burial place.They begot one child;

CHILD I REBECCA ANN HUNT b.Sept.18,1975 at Dover,N.H. After the death of her mother,Rebecca was adopted by her grandparents Raymond and Jacqueline Chase. Her name being changed to REBECCA ANN CHASE.

Russell W.Merchant lies at rest here
in the Woodlawn Cemetery in So.Berwick,
Maine

The epitaph on the monument reads;

"And I will raise up the dead
from their places"

OUR REFUGE IS IN THE L-RD UNTO ALL GENERATIONS

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the L-rd,
which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold,he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
The L-rd is thy keeper:
the L-rd is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The L-rd shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.
The L-rd shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in
from this time forth,and even for evermore."

Psalms 121:1-8

"I will say of the L-rd,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
my G-d:in him will I trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare
of the fowler,
and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with his feathers,
and under his wings shalt thou trust:
his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night;
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness;
nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
and ten thousand at thy right hand;
but it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see
the reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made the L-rd,
which is my refuge,even the most High,
thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee,
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,

lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
the young lion and the dragon
shalt thou trample under feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high,
because he hath known my name.
He shall call upon me,and I will answer him:
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him,and honour him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
and shew my salvation."

Psalms 91:1-16

"I sought the L-rd,and he heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto him,and were lightened:
and their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried,
and the L-rd heard him,
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the L-rd encampeth round about them
that fear him,
and delivereth them.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
but the L-rd delivereth him out of them all."

Psalms 34:4-7,19

"L-rd,thou hast been our dwelling place in all
generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting,
thou art G-d.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
yet is their strength labour and sorrow;
for it is soon cut off,
and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom."

Psalms 90:1-2,10,12

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--- FRANK R. MERCHANT ---

"Because he had another spirit
with him"

Numbers 14:24

Frank Russell Merchant b.Jan.2,1933 at the Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester,Mass.first born son of Russell W.Merchant and Elsie P.Hatch.He m.Sept. 18,1954 Charlotte Ann Townes,dau. of Paul Norman Townes and Annie Blanch Staples,at the old Free Will Baptist Church at No.Berwick,Maine,by the Rev. Stanley Stevens of Cape Neddick.He age 21 and she 18 at marriage.Charlotte was b.Sept.16,1936 in Lyman,Maine. (Her family name spelled Towne but some spelled it Townes.)
Their wedding as reported in the local newspaper;

MERCHANT - TOWNES

Miss Charlotte A.Townes of No.Berwick became the bride of Frank R.Merchant at the Beech Ridge Free Will Baptist Church on Sept.18. The single ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Stanley Stevens.The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs.Joseph Webber.

Several friends and neighbors attended the ceremony.

A description of F.R.M. taken from his draft card (1953) wherein we find the basis of the following;

Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown - in later years brown bald
Complection	Medium
Height	5 foot 10 inches - later 6 foot
Weight	124 pounds - later 153 pounds
Identification marks	Mastoid scars behind both ears

1938 We find him living on Southern Ave. in Essex,Mass. in an old house known as the "mystery house".At this time attempted to attend school but such was of a short duration because of the age limit established by the school board of that town.The ruling being that a child must be six years old by the first of the year in order to attend in the fall previous.Frank was six on the second so was not allowed to continue.Shortly thereafter moved in with his grandfather (Frank Merchant) at West Gloucester and then to So.Berwick,Maine. Attended school in a one room school house which included all eight grades, the largest class being grade seven which had four students,Frank being the sole student of his class,grade 1.

About this time,a medical problem made its appearence,first abcesses and then mastoids in both ears which resulted in four operations on the left and two on the right,and which trouble continued to plague him for years to come.

The family moved nearer the village in the house of Arthur Hanson,then later to Maple Street in No.Berwick,in what was known as the "Brooks Place".

1943 Here in the residence last mentioned,a great loss came to the family, Frank's grandmother passed away,on Jan.8,1943 at the age of 60,Frank now at age 10.It became very trying to except the loss of one so dear but it must be, death comes to all as it is written. "a time to be born and a time to die". This is an eternal decree and we are a part of it.Afterward the family moved back to Gloucester to reside at 17 Harvard Street,the home of Mrs.Evelyn Robblee.

1944-45 After his grandfather remarried,Frank moved back with his parents on Walker Street,West Gloucester.It was while living here that his mother became interested in the teachings of a Christian sect known as "Jehovah's Witnesses" and it was with these people that Frank first began to have an understanding of the Bible,its teachings and a developement of faith incurred by its study. The family moved back to Essex in a house owned by Frank Nelson,who lived near-by.As these people were members of that faith,the religious experience contin-ued.Frank was a regular attendent at meetings,sometimes in Gloucester and some-times in Peabody,stood on the street corner with the "Watchtower" and went house to house with the publications and the teachings of the movement.It was also at this time that he would bring his Bible to school,for it had now be-come his constant companion and source of instruction.

A very meaningful experience materialized at this time and is related thus:

> "One day as I was walking into town with my father,I can remember he having on his big clam digger boots and though it may have slowed him a little,it was still very difficult for me to keep up with him.I can remember how very proud I felt to be able to walk with him,he being my father.But thoughts troubled me, why did we have to ask for charity?It was no disgrace to be poor,just an inconvience,but charity was dishonourable and I was ashamed of it.It was at this time that I learned these things and many years later found the teaching in Sirach 40:28 "It is better to die than to beg".

1947 His parents moved to So.Berwick on the old John Allen farm,Frank now 14 years old,and although not known at the time,in years to come,in 1979, he would return to this place to restore the old burial ground.Got a job,for Chester Allen,sawing fire wood and cutting down the hardwood trees with a cross-cut saw (no chain saws at the time).He relates:

> "It did seem to take considerable time getting some of those trees down and especially as we were kneeling in the cold wet snow.All though my own knees ached with the cold,it didn't seem to give Chester any trouble at all.For pay I got 50 cents per hour and my dinner."

Frank became interested in the Seventh Day Adventist faith and took a Corres-pondence Course with them called the "20th Century Bible Course".

1948 Graduated from Grammer school at So.Berwick and took a job in Ogunquit,washing dishes,63 hours a week for $9.00 and board.While working here, would visit the Methodist Church in that town.After the season was over,took a job in a sawmill in No.Berwick for Robert Parsons.

1949 At the first of the year found employment with Walter Hichens,who operated a chicken farm in Eliot,worked and returned to the local High School in that town.When attending school,got $5.00 a week and got $20.00 for full time. (In years to come,Walter Hichens became a Maine State Senator.) During this time took up the study of "Mormonism",being baptized on June 15,1949 and on Sept.4, of this year,was ordained into the Priesthood of the church.

1950-61 During these years was employed at woods work,working mainely in the area sawmills.Worked for Ward Allen,Earl Blaisdell,and Ulderic Lapierre who operated in Middleton,N.H. a pulp and lumber business.Worked for Roy M. Littlefield in the mill and in logging.While working here a near fatal accident occured and is related thus:

> "One day as we were in the process of unloading a truck load of logs as usual,we proceeded to take of the chains and binders, then grabed the small chains to release the trip stakes,when released,a couple of logs fell off.I then attempted to retrieve my stake,which was lying on the ground,and so as to keep it from getting buried with the logs,then without warning,the load gave way all at once.Those logs would normaly have crushed me to death except for a miracleous turn of a log in mid-air.This log,that was air-bound,almost gentlely pushed me out of the way, knocking me to the ground as 1000 feet of 8 foot logs came thundering by.A near miss indeed,I have never forgotten it."

Worked for Charles French in Lebanon,Maine,chopping,logging and mill work. (One thing unusual about this mill was that it was an old wrack and pinion mill,most of the sawmills of the time,were run by rope feed "cable" and was considerable faster.

Returning to 1949 (above) on the question of "Mormonism",we include an extract from a letter written by Mrs.Evelyn M.Robblee;

> "Now dear,about your religious activities,I am very glad you are interested in the Bible,it is such a wonderful help for anybody,especially young people starting out in life,these hard wicked times.It seems you are too particular about the different religious beliefs,why any of them are allright,when the time comes you won't be asked what creed you belonged to. ---------- as you seem to pick oddest ones there is.Their churches are scarce around this part of the country,and it will also cost you a lot of money,to join any church.It might be best for you to mingle with church people,but lots of hypocrates will be found too. --------- By your description,it seems logical,all but baptism to benifit the dead.I think that is queer,I never heard of it before."
>
> June 9,1949

1958-60 After services were cancelled at the Beech Ridge Baptist Church, (held on SABBATH - Saturday),Frank attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Rochester,N.H.,then visited a Jewish Synagogue in Dover.The visiting of the latter place may cause the question to be raised,Why would a fundamentalist of the Christian Faith attend a Jewish Synagogue during services? Frank was at this time engaged in the study of the Old Testament or the Hebrew Scriptures,and knew that this faith was founded on them,also remembered that a Christian is admonished in 1 John 2:6 that he "ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked",and that in Luke 4:16 "and as his custom was,he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day." This then was the reason for such a visit. Once a first visit had been made,a bridge had been crossed,his eyes now beheld a practical and realistic faith,and were not these called "the chosen" "the people of the Book"? And so now the Bible came alive,it was and is a living entirety,a realism that is eternal as G-d is eternal.As a result of this visit,his faith was to undergo a process of development,it had to be reconstructed.There was no condemnation of the first faith,but a new understanding had been arrived at,faith had taken on new dimensions and this path,now long hidden,must be explored and faith pursued.

1959-86 Having looked for more secure employment,Frank went into the Woolen Mills,first at the No.Berwick Mill and later in Sanford for Brooks Woolen.These mill jobs were in the Picking and Waste Departments.In Picking,the work consisted in preparing the stock used,and making the blends required for use in the style cloth produced.By stock we mean,raw wool or processed wool of varying grades,of synthetic fibers and a certain percentage of recycled waste.At Brooks Woolen after 71,operated the waste department of the mill,which recycled the waste from the mill so as to be reused in the blends needed or resold to other companies.To get a rough idea of the work,the mill produced 16,000 to 24,000 pounds of waste per week and this was seperated and run through specified machines, then packed into bales of up to 1,000 pounds.

1965-67 Became interested in the issues of the Civil Rights Movement. Joined the N.A.A.C.P.,attended meetings and wrote letters to the press on occasion.Frank had little interest in Civil Rights as such was sometimes understood,but rather for human rights as taught in the pages of Holy Writ.Colored citizens were often regarded as inferior people.Many unjust laws existed which caused untold hardship to these people,even threatening their very existence. Such laws caused a great disruption to the relationship between black and white citizens,they caused uncertainity,distrust and dispair,and were the very roots of many crimes committed.As many of these unjust laws tended to separate the races or peoples of deverse color,they were by there very nature opposed to the principals of the laws of G-d.A lesson is recorded in the 12th chapter of Numbers,wherein Moses (prophet and lawgiver),married Zipporah,a black woman, and which teaches all men that G-d is no respector of persons.

During these years of civil unrest and black struggles,Frank was inspired by the person and ideals of CAPT.JOHN BROWN,known to historians as the Apocalyptic Abolitionist.To the uninformed,John Brown was said to be the last of the Puritans,began the war against American slavery,was given to prophesy,was compared to Gideon and Samson in the Bible (Frank compares him to Phinehas and Mattathias also) was executed on Dec.2,1859 in the performance of the Devine Will.

Frank has in his pocession a library of fine and useful books which upon observation,are found to be of great literary and religious value.An example of these follow;

A collection of several editions of the Bible and Apocrapha		
Apocrapha and Pseudepigrapha	2 volumes	(Oxford Press)
Crudens Unabridged Concordance		
Harpers Bible Dictionary		
A set of Talmud	18 volumes	
The Commandments (Maimondes)	2 "	
The Zohar	5 "	
History of the Jews (Graetz)	6 "	
A colection of Jewish biographies	several volumes	
A collection of Anthologies	" "	
A collection of books on philosophy	" "	
A collection of Christian books	" "	
International Library of Technology	17 volumes	
A Collection of John Brown biographies	11 "	
(above a prize collection)		
A copy of Baxters Saint's Rest (1850)		
(above a favorite of John Brown)		

1976-77 About this time became engaged in the study of the Apocrapha and Pseudepigrapha,which are sometimes regarded by scholars as "hidden works" and by certain religious leaders as "spurious" but as he carefully examined these Holy Texts,he became convinced of their authenticity.These works being written by men of wisdom and understanding and therefore to be regarded as works of inspiration.In these ancient works are to be found a great deal of practical wisdom in regards to daily living,stories of inspired men as led by the angels of G-d,and revealing in great detail,the state of the dead and our duties toward them,such as laws and teachings of a proper funeral,of burial and of marking the graves of deceased persons.

1977-84 Frank began in earnest the work of restoring family burial grounds, some long neglected and some graves having never been marked at all.He found such work to be of great inspirition and immensley satisfying.We should take into consideration that a great deal of research was necessary to obtain dates (vital records,birth and death),in finding location of the graves and the work involved in obtaining and setting up tombstones,and that such work,laid the foundation for working on the family genealogy and which in turn became this book "THE HOUSE OF JABEZ".

The following list is a record of the monuments set and the cost of the lettering and shaping of the stones by "George Gray & Son Monument Co." of Wells,Maine,George Harris being owner and manager.(Note,the cost quoted was for work on the stones,the granite being supplied by (F.R.M.) and the additional work involved was a joint effort.)

Nov.15,1977 "Father's lot" Woodlawn Cemetery,So.Berwick,Maine.
1 monument
2 markers
4 corner posts
1 cement foundation

Total $317.00

Cemetery work continued;

June 13,1978 "Johnson lot" Hillside Cemetery,No.Berwick,Maine.
2 markers
Total $210.00

Oct.23,1979 "Allen lot" Allen private cemetery So.Berwick,Maine.
6 granite slabs
Total $425.00.

July 17,1980 "Own lot" Woodlawn Cemetery,So.Berwick,Maine.
1 monument
4 corner posts
1 cement foundation
Total $162.50

Sept.3,1980 "Robblee lot" Beechbrook Cemetery,West Gloucester,Mass.
5 granite slabs
$310.00

Oct.1,1981 "Johnson lot" Hillside Cemetery,No.Berwick,Maine.
"Townes lot" " " " " "
"Epes Merchant lot" Oak Grove Cemetery,Gloucester,Mass.
"Hamilton lot" Hamilton private cemetery,So.Berwick,Maine.
2 markers
1 marble slab cut
2 granite slabs (5 foot)
2 granite slabs (28 inches)
Total $1191.00

Oct.8,1982 "Epes Merchant lot" Oak Grove Cemetery,Gloucester,Mass.
7 markers
$300.00

Nov.1,1983 "Thurston lot" Oak Grove Cemetery,Gloucester,Mass.
1 granite slab
Total $400.00

May 15,1984 "Gray lot" Locust Grove Cemetery,Rockport,Mass.
Total $58.00

1984-86 While searching our ancient family records,Frank found that there was a strong element of "Universalism" that existed from earliest of times, both in and outside of the established Universalist Church.It is such a continuation of faith,without bounderies,that is a part of our family heritage,it is our destiny.At the end of this chapter are several writtings by (F.R.M.) which cover many topics and will be of concern to many.

"but none of them is greater than
the man who fears the L-rd."

Sirach 10:24

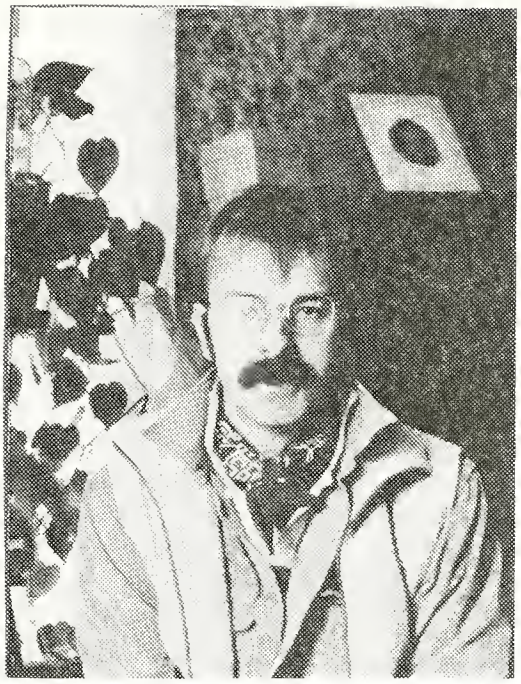
Frank Russell Merchant
(1933-)

Persistently engaged in seeking out the path of faith and in later years yearned to know his ancestors.

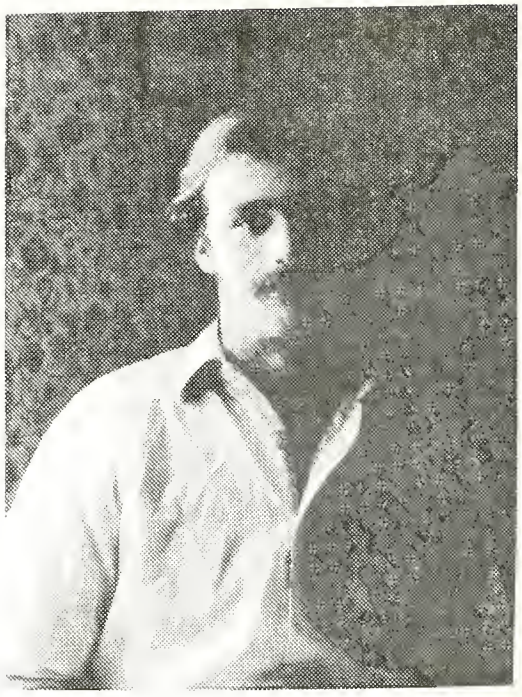
He writes in 1986:
"Humanity begins at the burial ground and blossoms forth at the birth of a new born child"

Charlotte Ann Townes
(1936-)

"wife of Frank R.Merchant"



Frank R.Merchant Jr.



Jeremiah D.Merchant

Nathan L.Merchant & Kandis D.Neal
(Their wedding photo)

Nathaniel L.Merchant
(age 6 months)

CHARLOTTE ANN TOWNES wife of Frank;

Charlotte began her life in a woodsmans camp in Lyman,Maine where she was born in 1936,later moved to No.Berwick,residing in the home of her great grand father,Jim Towne.

1946 About this time,her father moved his camp onto a piece of property that he had formerly purchased in that town.Then later as his family enlarged, he built onto the camp,it thereafter being a sizeable place.It would be inconcievable not to mention something about her fathers ability as a woodsman.Paul Townes was not an ordinary woodsman,he was the best.In a sawmill would work as a roller,pitman and on occasion take a marking job.Generaly worked in the woods,in the cutting and logging end of such operations.Was at one time a teamster and was very fond of horses.He always seemed to know just what to do and pocessed the ability and speed to do it. "I have seen him falling trees with a chain saw and before one tree hit the ground,another had been started down." But woods work was often unsteady work and such lack of work,for whatever reason,did not add to the family budget and to make matters worse,he had suffered from an ailment which he had acquired in early years,a taste for spirits and which did not add to the welfare of the family.This problem was a common problem to many of those who worked in the woods.

In these early years,she found great comfort with her grandmother,(Blanch Staples) whom she positively adored.Before attending school,had lived with this grandmother and in later years would visit her whenever it was possible to do so.This grandmother must have been a wonderful person,as in later years all her children and her granddaughter held her in very high esteeme.Charlotte recalls her doing many acts of kindness and of course those things that grandmothers do.Remembers at one time how her grandmother scrimped and saved out of her household money to buy her a pair of shoes.We are told of such women in the Bible; "Her children rise up and call her blessed". Proverbs 31:28
Her grandmother passed away on Oct.1,1950 and was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery in Springvale.This was a devastating blow to this young girl of 14, for this grandmother was the dearest person in this little girls life.

Charlotte was also very fond of her grandfather (Harry Staples) who was very helpful to her at times.He was a man of rough exterior but inwordly,we find him very soft-hearted.He was the proverbial Yankee trader,either buying, selling,making a deal,or just offering a bit of wisdom.He d.June 28,1965 age 82y. as a result of a severe beating.He was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery in No.Berwick.

At age 13,Charlotte learned to play the guitar,without any formal lessons, but because of pure determination,did she learn the "country & western" music which she loved.In later years played some in a locall band,much to the consternation of her husband.Howbiet it apparently was a meaningful experience for her.

1951 Charlotte suffered a great deal of hardship during these early years not dreamed of by many of todays children.The family water was taken from a well 50 yards down the road,and she had been elected to carry it,with the aid of two 14 quart water pails.The family wood supply was retrieved from a sawmill nearby,being in the form of slabs,pine and hemlock for the most part.

These long slabs (8-14 feet) had to be pulled from the piles,where they had been dumped.Afterward dragged up the road by the armfulls,certainly no job for a girl,but she had to do it and even in the midst of winter and at times with bare hands.

1954 Her mother suffered severe burns when her dress cought fire as she was in the process of kindling one in the cookstove.While recovering from these burns,took a bad fall,when the porch railing let go.She suffered internal injuries as a result of the fall and d.Jan.18th of this year and buried at the Hillside Cemetery.Charlotte was 17 at the time of her mothers passing.

After her marriage on Sept.18,1954,fulfilled her duties as a wife,bearing three sons and caring for the household.She aided her husband in his several enterprizes,working in the fields and other farm activities.When out haying, she often became distressed because of the heat but "none could make a better load of hay than she."

1965 On Oct,17,of this year was baptized by the Rev.Robert Cole of the later organized "Full Gospel Church" known as "Bethel" at No.Berwick.

1971 Took a "Voice of Prophecy" Bible Correspondence Course.

1977 In these years,when her husband was involved in the restoration of the family burial grounds,she aided him in often good advise,helped at the work and accompaning him on his several trips that was required in the performince of the work.

She was a good and dependable mother and an able help meet to her husband as the law so requires, "and I will make a help meet for him."

Genesis 2:18

The demise of Harry P.Staples (Charlotte's grandfather);

MAN,83,APPARENT BEATING VICTIM
AT NORTH BERWICK

An elderly man was found unconscious in his farm home here Sunday afternoon,apparently the victim of a savage attack.

Harry Staples,83,who lives alone off Turkey Street,suffered a possible cerebral concussion,severe head cuts,a black eye, a large abrasion of the side and an abrasion of the thigh.

He had failed to recover consciousness Sunday night after being taken to a Sanford hospital.He was reported in "poor" condition.

Two of Staples sons found him about 2 p.m. on the bed in a blood-spattered room.Deputy Sheriff Roland A.Langlais of Sanford said a cane used by Staples was found covered by blood near the bed.A large chair was found overturned in the room and the chair,floor,walls and bed bore stains.

Staples pocketbook was not immediately located.

Staples sons,Frank and Raymond Staples,had to force a window to gain entry.The front door of the house was found bolted. Langlais said stains on the bolt handle indicated Staples may have bolted the door after suffering the injuries.

The demise of Harry P.Staples continues;

The Staples farmhouse is located off a lane a short distance from Turkey Street.The only nearby farm is used for a summer and weekend residence and was unoccupied this weekend,officials said.

Dr.Ralph Belmont said Staples injuries appeared to have resulted from an assault rather than just a fall because of the location of the cuts on the head.

Langlais and Deputy Sheriff Maynard Abbot of this town said a search of the premises and questioning of Turkey Street residents would be undertaken Monday.

Mr.Staples was born here June 27,1883.

He is survived by three sons,William,Frank and Raymond of No.Berwick;a daughter,Mrs.Ruth Bryant,of Wells;23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Market Street here.The Rev. Wayne Porter,pastor of the North Berwick Baptist Church,will officiate.Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery.

June 28,1965

Frank R.Merchant purchased this lot and monument in the Woodlawn Cemetery in So. Berwick,Maine and will probably be buried here.

The Ancestorial Lineage of Frank Russell Merchant ---------- 1807-1933

GEORGE MERCHANT
b.Aug.11,1807
m.Nov.18,1826 ---------- LUCY NORWOOD
d.Jan.14,1899 Age 91y.

Whom Begot

GORHAM ALFRED MERCHANT
b.Nov.21,1850
m.July 14,1871 ---------- MARY ELIZABETH THURSTON
d.Dec.27,1897 Age 47y.

Whom Begot

FRANK MERCHANT
b.July 29,1879
m.June 28,1906 ---------- LILLIAN MAUDE ALLEN
d.Aug.14,1960 Age 81y.

Whom Begot

RUSSELL WILFRED MERCHANT
b.April 17,1908
m.March 26,1932 --------- ELSIE PRISCILLA HATCH
d.March 5,1954 Age 45y.

Whom Begot

FRANK RUSSELL MERCHANT
b.Jan.2.1933
m.Sept.18,1954 ---------- CHARLOTTE ANN TOWNES
d.

Ancestry of Frank R.Merchant

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Frank R.Merchant
b. Jan.2,1933
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. Sept.18,1954
d.
p.d

2 Russell W.Merchant (Father of No. 1)
b. April 17,1908
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. March 26,1932
d. March 5,1954
p.d So.Berwick,Maine

3 Elsie P.Hatch (Mother of No. 1)
b. Nov.3,1912
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
d.
p.d.

4 Frank Merchant (Father of No. 2)
b. July 29,1879
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. June 28,1906
d. Aug.14,1960
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

5 Lillian M.Allen (Mother of No. 2)
b. Dec.15,1882
p.b. So.Berwick,Maine
d. Jan.8,1943
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

6 Chester J.Hatch (Father of No. 3)
b. July 13,1888
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
m. -------
d. Nov.16,1960
p.d No.Berwick,Maine

7 Evelyn H.Johnson (Mother of No. 3)
b. May 26,1895
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
d. Oct.18,1919
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

Charlotte A.Townes (Spouse of No. 1)
b. Sept.16,1936
p.b. Lyman,Maine
d.
p.d.

8 Gorham A.Merchant (Father of No. 4)
b. Nov.21,1850
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
m. July 14,1871
d. Dec.27,1897
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

9 Mary E.Thurston (Mother of No. 4)
b. July 26,1855
p.b. Gloucester,Mass.
d. Sept.16,1879
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

10 Joel Allen (Father of No. 5)
b. July 6,1852
p.b. Quincy,Mass.
m. ------
d. Jan.25,1928
p.d Gloucester,Mass.

11 Ida Allen (Mother of No. 5)
b. Feb.28,1857
p.b. So.Berwick,Maine
d. Oct.13,1931
p.d. Gloucester,Mass.

12 George W.Hatch (Father of No. 6)
b. Nov.12,1860
p.b. ----- Maine
m. ------
d. Feb.12,1902
p.d Mansfield,Mass.

13 Lydia Walker (Mother of No. 6)
b. June 12,1854
p.b. ----- Maine
d. June 26,1903
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

14 George A.Johnson (Father of No. 7)
b. Dec.23,1866
p.b. No.Berwick,Maine
m. -------
d. April 14,1958
p.d So.Berwick,Maine

15 Della L.Ripley (Mother of No. 7)
b. Jan.10,1868
p.b. Brunswick,Maine
d. March 8,1947
p.d. No.Berwick,Maine

16 George Merchant (Father of No. 8)
b. Aug.11,1807
m. Nov.18,1826
d. Jan.14,1899

17 Lucy Norwood (Mother of No. 8)
b. Apr.22,1809
d. May 5,1860

18 William H.Thurston (Father of No. 9)
b. 1830
m. ---
d. April 2,1871

19 Mary E.Blatchford (Mother of No. 9)
b. 1837
d. 1920

20 William Allen (Father of No. 10)
b.
m.
d.

21 Lavinia Kimball (Mother of No. 10)
b.
d.

22 Albert Allen (Father of No. 11)
b. Jan.15,1826
m. Apr.14,1850
d. July 18,1911

23 Mary E.Brooks (Mother of No. 11)
b. May 15,1828
d. July 22,1917

24 Elijah Hatch (Father of No. 12)
b.
m.
d.

25 Anna Green (Mother of No. 12)
b.
d.

26 Solomen Walker (Father of No. 13)
b.
m.
d.

27 Statira Norton (Mother of No. 13)
b.
d.

28 William Johnson (Father of No. 14)
b. June 8,1839
m.
d. Sept.13,1913

29 Elizabeth Bowen (Mother of No. 14)
b. April 1,1845
d. Oct.1,1894

30 Henry Ripley (Father of No. 15)
b.
m.
d.

31 Mahala Weaver (Mother of No. 15)
b.
d.

Ancestry of Charlotte A.Townes (wife of Frank R.Merchant)

b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

1 Charlotte Ann Townes
b. Sept.16,1936
p.b. Lyman,Maine
m. Sept.18,1954
d.
p.d

2 Paul N.Townes (Father of No. 1)
b. Dec.24,1912
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

4 (not known) (Father of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

5 Fanny N.Towne (Mother of No. 2)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d.

8 (Father of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

9 (Mother of No. 4)
b.
p.b.
d.
p.d

10 James H.Towne (Father of No. 5)
b. Sept.22,1854
p.b.
m.
d. Dec.15,1938
p.d

11 Vianna Day (Mother of No. 5)
b. 1857
p.b.
d. 1933
p.d.

16 b. (Father of No. 8,
m.
d.

17 (Mother of No. 8,
b.
d.

18 b. (Father of No. 9,
m.
d.

19 (Mother of No. 9,
b.
d.

20 James H.Towne
b. (Father of No. 10,
m.
d.

21 Susan Clough (Mother of No. 10,
b.
d.

22 b. (Father of No. 11,
m.
d.

23 (Mother of No. 11,
b.
d.

24 b. (Father of No. 12,
m.
d.

25 (Mother of No. 12,
b.
d.

26 b. (Father of No. 13,
m.
d.

27 (Mother of No. 13,
b.
d.

28 b. (Father of No. 14,
m.
d.

29 (Mother of No. 14,
b.
d.

30 Nicholas D.Willey
b. (Father of No. 15
m.
d.

31 Martha A.Brackett (Mother of No. 15,
b.
d.

6 Harry P.Staples (adopted) (Father of No. 3)
b. June 27,1883
p.b.
m.
d. June 28,1965
p.d Portland,Maine

3 Annie B.Staples (Mother of No. 1)
b. Jan.3,1910
p.b.
d. Jan.18,1954
p.d. Sanford,Maine

12 Peter Staples (Father of No. 6)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

13 Harriet --- (Mother of No. 6)
b. Feb.25,1860
p.b.
d. Oct.12,1927
p.d.

14 Will Allen (Father of No. 7)
b.
p.b.
m.
d.
p.d

15 Susan J.Willey (Mother of No. 7)
b. Jan.31,1860
p.b.
d. March 5,1940
p.d.

7 Amy B.Allen (Mother of No. 3)
b. Sept.23,1885
p.b.
d. Oct.1,1950
p.d.

Frank R.Merchant (Spouse of No. 1)
b. Jan.2,1933
p.b. Glou.Mass.
d.
p.d.

Family Group Sheet

Husband

Frank Russell Merchant 1933-

Wife

Charlotte Ann Townes 1936-

This couple were married on Sept.18,1954 at North Berwick,Maine.

Children of the above couple;

1.Frank Russell Merchant Jr. 1955-

2.Jeremiah David Merchant 1960-

3.Nathan Levi Merchant 1963-

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Charlotte A.Townes.

CHILD NO.1.FRANK RUSSELL MERCHANT JR. b.July 2,1955 in Dover,N.H. At a very early age was known as the "family scholar" and displaying a talent in art and later in writing.Being born on the "Sabbath" his father sometimes named him Sabbatai.Attended the University of Maine at Orono because of scholarships recieved and grants avaible.Transferred to the Sam Huston State University in Huntsville,Texas,due to an interest in photography but being an out of State student,the tution was considerable higher and other financial difficulties setting in,he was required to return home,not finishing his college.

In 1983,developed an interest in hiking and backpacking,went into the White Mountains and in 1984 went to California by bus and proceeded to do a little hiking there.Went to San Francisco and Monterey,hiking in the Big Sur National Forest which was limited because it was during the fire season and was especially dangerous in this year.While on this trip visited the "Sambosa Temple" in Carmel Valley.

A newspaper account of a fire;

S.BERWICK FIRE PUT OUT

Firefighters here quickly extinguished a fire this morning inside a small one-room structure on Bennet Lot Road.

Frank R.Merchant,who lives in a home on the property,said he had come home from his third-shift job and started up the woodstove in the structure and then went up to the main house.

When he returned he found smoke and flames in the building. "I was trying to put it out with snow,anything," said Merchant.

Firefighters arrived and found Merchant trying to extinguish the fire himself and took over,quickly putting it out.

The structure suffered "quite a lot" of smoke and water damage, according to fire officials at the scene.

Jan.22,1985

In this year of 1986,Frank is working for the "Cliff House" in Ogunquit, Maine and has for several years during the summer season. He is unmarried.

CHILD NO.2.JEREMIAH DAVID MERCHANT b.May 13,1960 in Sanford,Maine.Left school at age 16 to work for Converse Rubber.It was at this time that a discovery was made about his developing character.He has an intense determination in pursuing a goal and a stuborness that can not be matched.

He learned to play guitar and developed a liking for the "Country & Western" type of music.

Jeremiah worked for Cumberland Farms (a food chain store) in No.Berwick and later went into carpentry,working for "Post and Beam Construction Co.", and presently working in Sanford for an outfit building a church.He is unmarried.

Descendants of Frank and his wife,Charlotte A.Townes.

CHILD NO.3.NATHAN LEVI MERCHANT b.March 10,1963 in Dover,N.H. and m.Feb.22,1986 Kandis Doricia Neal.Kandis was b.June 10,1968 and was the adopted dau. of Charles Lowell Neal and Fay Ann Ramsdell.She was 17 at marriage and he was 22.

Nathan was born on Purim which seemed to be a forewarning of his developing nature.In the first grade of school,his teacher wrote on his report card that he was "Impish".Always getting the class in an uproar.

Worked some in the woods and on construction,in 1986 found employment with Brooks Woolen at Sanford,in the card room.

An account of his wedding follows;

MERCHANT - NEAL

Mr.Nathan L.Merchant,son of Frank R. and Charlotte A.(Townes) Merchant and Miss Kandis D.Neal,adopted dau. of Charles H. and Fay A.(Ramsdell)Neal,were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at the home of Mr.Peter L.Towne (uncle of the groom). The couple were married by Mrs.Betsey Hasty,who was Justice of the Peace,on Feb.22 at Wells,Maine.

The house was decorated with white paper bells and white, pink and blue streamers of crepe paper,also many hand made carnations of white,pink and blue,adorned the living room.

The bride wore a white wedding dress,her hair being french-braided and carried a bouquet of baby-breath,fern and a red rose.

They were attended by Mr. and Mrs.Peter L.Towne, Mrs.Towne wearing a corsage of white and blue carnations with a blue ribbon.

The grooms mother,Mrs.Frank R.Merchant,wore a corsarge,also of white and pink carnations with a blue ribbon.

The overseer of the guest-book was Miss Susan Roberts (age 12 and cousin of the groom).

The happy couple recieved several wedding presents and intend to make their home on the Bennet Lot Road,So.Berwick, Maine.

Nathan L.Merchant and Kandis D.Neal begot;

CHILD I NATHANIEL LEVI MERCHANT b.July 16,1986 in Sanford,Maine.
(This little Merchant son has a million dollar smile)

Note,the above Nathaniel was born 265y.6m.4d. after the marriage of our first known and proven ancestors - Jabez Merchant and Mary Butman in 1721.He is also the 11th generation. I feel that it is tragic but accurate to assume that there are thousands living today,also descendants but do not know of it.(F.R.M.)

Thus we end our records after which follows some writtings of F.R.M. and a page on the conclusion of the work.

THE BEECH RIDGE CHURCH

This country church,located in the outskirts of North Berwick,Maine,during its years of existence,underwent great struggles,reforms,disintergration, resurrection,and finally collapsed.But over the years,many people passed through its doors to seek out and worship their Creator,to find the meaning of their existence and the path to be pursued through life.

The first house of worship and its congregation,were of the Methodist perswasion,this about 1825.Some years later,it became Baptist,under the preaching of a colored man by the name of Rev.Mr.Trask,who preached there for several years,having about 28 members.Sometime during its history,became known as a Free Will Baptist Church.In 1840,86 members were reported,then trouble beset the church,several times ministers were changed,a church covernent could not be agreed upon and the temperance question came to the fore.This issue so rent the church that in January of 1843 it took a vote to disband.On March 1st of the same year,14 members came together to be united once again into a church organization.

Some years later,the old meeting house getting out of repairs,was torn down but during the same year a new one was built a mile south from the old,near what became known as Mosquito Corner.The new church was dedicated in 1860,Elder Theodore Stevens being its first pastor.In 1880,Beaver Dam Church consolidated with the Beech Ridge Church,bringing its membership to 128 souls.(Note- Beaver Dam was a community a few miles distent.) In 1885,the church was raised and a vestry built underneath.

Over the next few years several pastors exchanged places in the pulpit,one of which we take special note of,was Rev.James Boyd,for he remained and preached for about 10 years,beginning in 1892. (Rev.Boyd performed the marriage ceremony for my great,great,grandparents,Albert Allen and Mary E.Brooks on April 14,1850 at So.Berwick.- F.R.M.) We find his burying place on lower Main Street in No. Berwick in the Boyd family cemetery.

After the Rev.Boyd left the church,it became abandoned and continued for about 15 years.All sorts of undesirable people entered the sanctuary,it was even reported that a still had been set up there and operated.

In 1917 a Rev.Mr.Pinkham (A retired minister) opened the church as an independent christian meeting house and later passed it on to Rev.Robert Huntress in 1933,who later passed it on to his brother-in-law,Rev.Charles Stanley Stevens in 1935,who came from Cape Neddick and preached there for 21 years.(He also had a congregation at Cape Neddick.) Rev.Stanley Stevens was a staunch christian Fundamentalist from the old school.As a practicing Christian,was a true desciple of Jesus of Nazareth whom he followed in word and in deed.He made the greatest attempt to help the sick and the poor (although poor himself) and was a constant attendent at local hospitals visiting the sick.

Frank R.Merchant and Charlotte A.Townes were married in the vestry of this church on Sept.18,1954.The following year attended services regularly and perhaps as many as 50 persons attended some of the services during these years,but was soon out of harmony for differences of faith became apparent and disruption took place.

In 1956,the people decided to keep the Bible Sabbath (Saturday) and Mr. Merchant acted as their pastor.

Below is an article published in a Seventh Day Baptist Church paper -- 1957;

ACCEPTS THE SABBATH TRUTH

(A glimpse of the experiences of members of a Sabbath-keeping group in southern Maine as told by Rev.Charles H.Bond who recently visited them.)

"Well,it was over a year ago,I came to the Sabbath truth-- After I had kept the Sabbath,things certainly changed a lot. At first I thought I would lose my job down at the mill but I was determined that to serve the L-rd was the most important thing." These are the words of a young man not yet twenty-five years of age,who is undertaking to lead a group of Christian Sabbath-keepers.

For the setting of this incident we must go to North Berwick, Maine,and picture if you will a beautiful fall day with leaves dropping from the trees.It is even more beautiful because it the Sabbath and worshipers are traveling along the dirt road toward an old church surrounded by tall pine trees.It was in front of this church that I first met Frank Merchant,a slender woodcutter.

I first heard from him through a letter sent to me by Secretary Maltby.Mr.Merchant was asking that a Seventh Day Baptist minister come to Maine to conduct a baptismal service.Since I was chairman of the Evangelism Committee for the Eastern Association and was located in New England,the letter came to me. After the committee heard his request they felt that some one should make a trip up there and also make certain other visits on the way.

I was elected,so I selected Mrs.Bond to go with me.We left home on October 10,and after calling for two days we found ourselves driving up in front of the church near North Berwick on October 12.We knew that the baptismal service had been canceled because of cold weather but we were anxious to meet these people.

After a roaring wood fire had been built in the stove located in the center of the room,we were ready for the meeting to begin. Twelve worshipers from the valley had gathered for the service. Mrs.Howe took her place at the piano and the MacKenzies,Goodriches,Merchants and Bonds lifted their voices to G-d in hymns of praise.It was my privilege to deliver the message and to show some slides telling of "Our World Mission."

But as is often the case,the aftermeeting proved to be very enlightening.It was here that I learned that Mrs.MacKenzie had always believed in the Sabbath.She said,"I always questioned, ever since I could remember,to teach the Ten Commandments and then,you know,never really keep them,and I wondered why.I brought my children up the same way."

I learned too that the Goodriches had believed in the Sabbath truth for some years,but it has been only a little over a year that they have held Sabbath services.This was after Mr.Merchant

came to a knowledge of the Sabbath truth and consented to be their leader.He said,"I have preached here for a little over a year now.The L-rd is blessing us and I do pray that it (the work) will grow and that other people will come to this knowledge of truth."

Let each of us so work and pray.

The services were commonly small with visitors from time to time.Discord rent the church once again,for in 1958,Mr.Merchant took leave of the pulpit and the church disbanded,becoming a target for vandels,windows were smashed out (frames and all) the bell and pulpit Bible carried away and even the pews were stolen and it was belived that they were stolen by another church.A drug cult attempted to take over the church but were forced out by Town Officials. Other undesireable people entered the church to desacrate and to destroy so that only a bare building remained standing.

The old church now waited for death to come just as its members had done in years now past.This Christian Church that came into being in 1825,did so because the people of that rural community were seeking after G-d.The church rose and struggled for 133 years to survive but almost constantly facing disruption,it at last gave up its ghost.The spiritual community of believers either moved away or passed away in death and the once beautiful ediface that was built to the glory of G-d was in 1983 burned to the ground,and it is believed to have been done by the Board of Selectmen of the town of No. Berwick,if not by their hand,by their order,it is now no more.

Those of us who remain alive shall forever remember the old church and especially shall we remember the words painted upon the walls above the pulpit. No sweeter words,no words of greater meaning,could ever have been chosen by its founders.On the left,it blazed accross the wall "Let everything that hath breath praise the L-rd" and upon the right likewise "O worship the L-rd in the beauty of holiness."

Even as the old church is now gone,these words shall be inscribed forever.

The following writings cover a varity of subjects of concern to all,they are however built on the inspirition of Holy Scripture,and may not be understood by those with a secular education.They express an orthodox view on belief and practice yet a thread of universalism binds them together.Several were published in the local papers.They cover a period from 1966 to 1986 and were written by our third author, (F.R.M.).

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 1741 Gloucester,Mass.

A revival broke out in the classroom of Moses Parsons in the public school at Annisquam.This incident became known as the "great awakening",it began without intention or arangement but suddenly during the course of a school day. The excitement of the children was so intense that the usual school exercises had to be given up and the local minister,Rev.Benjamin Bradstreet had to be called in to help the schoolmaster and later preached a sermon about the experience.He even sent a letter in praise of the results in Squam to an assembly of ministers in Boston who were considering the effects of the "awakening".

"Tho I had laboured hard for it,yet I could never persuade young persons to form themselves into a society for the spending together the Sabbath evening in religious excerises,and now we have two societies of young persons who meet together twice in the week to read,sing,and pray.------ And some of them which were too much addicted to the youthful sins of quarreling,swearing,drinking etc. seem to be wonderfully reformed ---- . And I freely confess that I verily believe there has been of late,and now is,a blessed work of G-d going on in many parts of this land and Divine influence is the spring of it."

(Extracts from the letter of Rev.Benjamin Bradstreet)

The above also recorded in Chapter 1 "The Third Church".

STUDENTS HOLD PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOL - 1983 Gray,Maine

The beginning of the day at Gray-New Gloucester High School seems no different than at any other school in the country,as students mill through the halls,talking,laughing and slamming lockers.

In recent weeks,however,a group of students has begun a practice that sets them apart from teenagers at most public high schools nationwide.

Each morning about 40 students gather in the cafeteria,where they bow their heads in prayer and read passages from the Bible.

"It's helped me to come in here instead of being out in the hallway,where people are swearing and talking about partying and how they got bombed last night,"said senior Winthrop Harrington,a regular member of the group.

"It's a lot easier to stand up for G-d throughout the day if you get together in the morning,"said Steve Whitney,18.

The morning prayer sessions are held at 7:15 a.m. and are over before classes begin.And they are conducted entirely by students.These two facts remove any possibility of violating the constitutional separation of church and state,school administrators say.

The prayer meetings were begun last February by students (several) who belong to the New Gloucester Bible Church.As other students joined and the library became unusually crowded in the mornings,the meetings came to the attention of Josephine Kelleher,principal of the 600-student Gray-New Gloucester High School, located 15 miles north of Portland.

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"It started informally and grew,as there was a natural desire to be a part of this,"Ms.Kelleher said.

After consulting with the town attorney and other legal experts,Ms.Kelleher decided to let the students gather in the cafeteria,provided that no teachers, parents or ministers participate and the students don't advertise the prayer meeting.

Parents and community leaders applauded school officials for allowing the sessions and so far,there has been no organized opposition.

WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS? - 1983 Rockport,Mass.

Here is something for any of your readers who are cynical about "young people today."

At the beginning of the course in 20th century United States literature,I asked simply,"What are the important questions?" The following list came from the class members after they were given about 10 minutes to write:

What are the right morals,ethic,values?
Will there ever be a method to make Earth's life forms immortal?
Is there reincarnation?
Is there any form of life after death?
Is there (really) a G-d?
Was Earth created by G-d in a creative act,or was it created by evolution?
Are there other life forms in the universe besides those on Earth?
When and how am I going to die?
When we set our goals - how do we plan the best strategies to reach them?
Do we have control over what happens to us,or is our life predestined?
Where does the universe begin and end?
Is life an illusion and what part do dreams (aspirations) play in our lives?
Are the Earth and the human race indestructible?
What am I going to do with my life?
What is the future going to bring in my lifetime?
Will we have total knowledge and understanding of all things after we die?
What will give my life meaning?

Gertrude Miller (teacher)

In comparison of the two schools in question and a time period which extends over 242 years,we find the students are the same,the issue,being that of faith, is the same also.The handling of the situation by school officials is somewhat different but needs to be examined under secular law before any judgement can be properly made in regards to the participants.

The only difference,in 1741 the church and state were one.The church at Annisquam was an established Puritan church and the public school came under its influence.The separation of church and state did not come about till after the "Revolution".It may be of some interest to you that our distant grandfather, Jabez Merchant (1695-1773),was a member of this church and sat under the preaching of Benjamin Bradstreet for 34 years.

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So after the span of many years and the many changes in the thinking of the public,when the church controled the state to our present time,when it seems that religion has little influence at all,the young appear to be the same.They are asking questions,and as we can see,are of a deep spiritual nature.

> Where there are questions,there will be answers
> but the answers bring forth more questions
> the quest continues -

Questions cause seeking,and seeking after G-d,a yearning to know and to be one with the Creator,sooner or later produces an awakening.This proccess,this creation of spiritual life or new birth as some evangicals call it,is portrayed in the Scriptures as Jacob's ladder:

> "and behold a ladder set up on the earth,and the top of it
> reached to heaven,and behold the angels of G-d
> ascending and descending on it"
>
> Genesis 28:12

The angels ascend to draw men upward,and those who do ascend will find G-d there but must return,must descend (after the awakening) to finish the earth life here,but now changed as noted in the letter of Mr.Bradstreet to the clergy in Boston.

Is the Scripture not true? "That which is hath been long ago,and that which is to be hath already been"

Ecclesiastes 3:15

And is it not true also? "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh"

Ecclesiastes 1:4

In our time when we must face a deversity of religious teaching,a greater tolerance of sinfull practices,and world government in turmoil,we may say,how do we cope with it all?

How do we endure this generation and prepare for the next? This comparison of our youth,with a distance of 242 years,and from different states,should convince the greatest skeptic that the Scriptures are indeed true,that man is a creation of G-d and that one generation proceeds another.Nothing has been changed,nothing is new, "that which is hath been",G-d continues to call all men unto Himself.

So until another time,

> "Fear G-d and keep his commandments for this is the whole man.
> For G-d shall bring every work into the judgement
> concerning every hidden thing,whether it be good or whether
> it be evil"
>
> Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

1983

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A REBUTTAL TO AN UNBELIEVER

As a result of an article appearing in the Times (March 15,1984) entitled "Every Word is not Gospel",by Sydney Harris,I find it in order to offer a rebuttal to the same.I will state three of his denials and our orthodox stand in regards to them.

No.1. He denies the Divine origin of the Holy Scriptures,which if accepted would undermine faith and make the commandments void.The Bible,more properly called "The Holy Scriptures" or "Holy Writings" and which include other "Divine Records" not found in the Bible,all come under the heading of Holy Scripture, and to this end it is written, "All scripture is given by inspiration of G-d." These are not writings which have come up of late.When were they written? Perhaps Adam wrote the first letters known,can it be disputed? It is proven that scripture was written in the 13th century B.C.,perhaps on shards.In the 4th century B.C.,Ezra had full use of the Old Testament books,then written on scrolls.Some of the books of the Pseudepigrapha date back to the 2nd century B. C. The Apocrypha dates back to the 2nd century B.C. also and up to the 1st century A.D.The Christian New Testament dates back to the 1st century A.D. until the 2nd century A.D.

Now for evidence of their authenticity,I believe that a good source is to be found in observing the "dead sea scrolls" which are fragments of scripture of nearly every book of the Old Testament and some date back to 200 B.C. And so after a general comparison of the Bible versions with the ancient manuscripts, we find a reasonable accuracy and what errors may be found are the work of the translators.However,we find a special balance of harmony in such a comparison and those that do not find it do not know the Scriptures.

No.2. He denies the Holy Scriptures as the "Word of G-d"
The Scriptures were given to the children of men by the Creator,there is no such wisdom found anywhere else on earth and therefore it is our authority,the life blood of our people,and our very reason for existence.I have from the age of 12, (I am now 52) found the Holy Scriptures to be of "Divine Origin" and indeed the "Word of G-d".

No.3. He denies us our right of an orthodox faith and our right of expression in saying that we should not quote from Divine Scripture as we do not know what we are talking about.Now it is true that people often quote wrongly and at times use too many texts in attempting to clarify or support their beliefs,like a doctor who gives his patient too much medicine so that in turn,the patient becomes worse.But we are human,we are mortel men and therefore are capable of error.Note,it is not the Scriptures that are in error but rather our handling of them and the issues involved.As the Scriptures are infalable,it takes spiritual wisdom to use them properly.

Unlike my opponent,I encourage people to read and use their Bibles,to quote from them,to meditate therein and live by them,of course people are not perfect in the use of the Scriptures but in time they will learn and enter into harmony with them,even as the Holy Scriptures are in harmony with themselves.We quote from them because we believe in them and can thus express our views according to our beliefs and will continue to do so.

March 1984

Writings of (F.R.M.)

CHARITY,WELFARE WON'T LICK POVERTY

Thousands of lives are being ruined and millions of dollars are going to waste because of faulty poverty programs initiated by both federal and state authorities.

There is no doubt in my mind that these men behind these programs,among them many leading clergymen,are intensely sincere men,but they simply don't understand the human soul.

First of all,before any work is begun on these programs,an understanding has to be reached on what poverty is.Truthfully,poverty is where a man either cannot or has great difficulity providing for the bare essentials for the survival of his family.

The causes of poverty vary.Sometimes sickness is the cause.Sometimes natural circumstances;then again often it is largely a condition of the mind.A mental derangement of reality.

Once we understand what poverty is then we must lay a foundation on how to achieve the desired results.

This is laid down in the Divine Law: "Thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field,neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of the harvest;thou shalt leave them for the poor." Notice that the landowners were under law not to strip their fields,for the produce belonged to the poor.It was not welfare or charity,it was rightly theirs for the labor required to gather it.

The principle is thus laid down; No matter to what depths of poverty one descends,he is required by Divine Law to make the supreme effort for his survival.

Charitable gifts and state welfare humiliate the poor and in the end destroy the individual for self-reliance.Therefore,rather than eliminate the conditions of poverty,welfare often contributes to its growth.

Now I firmly believe that the greatest program toward this end involves education,especially the type that is spiritual in nature with a strong emphasis on physical hygiene,as it is impossible for a man to clean up his soul without first cleaning up his body,and both are necessary to produce staunch individualism.(Note,my stress of individualism is not opposed to socialism as a true individualist is also a true socialist - such a person would not permit himself to be a detriment to the community but rather to be an asset.) This individual importance brings self-respect which in turn abhors any idea of welfare.

Now for those victims of poverty by natural circumstances,such as the slums and ghettos of our nation,there is indeed a need for better programs,and this will involve large sums of capital.

But in attacking poverty,these ideas cannot be ignored if the programs are to be successful.As a boy,my own folks spent a great deal of time on welfare, so I speak from experience.

The effects of poverty are degrading,but not nearly as much as charity and welfare.

1965

Writings of (F.R.M.)

RACIST SENTIMENT

Malcolm X once said, "I can't think of any subject involving human beings that you can divorce from the race issue". By this time it must certainly be realized that racism is much broader and far more serious than was previously thought.

It is an undisputable fact that there is an underlying racist sentiment in our society which has and will continue to develop into racial discrimination and all that goes with it.This sentiment today,as in the past,is the cause of segregated peoples.It was the foundation pillar of the American system of chattel slavery and is the basis of considerable misunderstanding,even to hate, frequently resulting in atrocious activities.

It was divinely revealed to this nation,through the abolitionist,John Brown, in his words, "We must kill it,destroy it,uproot it stem,blossom and branch; give it no quarter,exterminate it and do it now." It was never done.

The Civil War destroyed chattel slavery,civil rights legislation has brought racism under legal control by limiting its powers.But it still exists (the foundation sentiments still prevail) and as long as it does it can grow.

Most people are not aware of how racism gets its root ideas,where does it begin? Verily the truth is hard to face! But they come out of the church itself. Evidence is avaible for those who dare seek it out.Let me give some examples of such indoctrination.

The Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa justifies segregation as "an ordainment of G-d".

--- "The black man is to be the hewer of wood and drawer of water;his only place is on his knees,except in the white man's church."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints - the second president of this church,Brigham Young,in one of his famous discourses; "The Negro,the seed of Ham,which is the seed of Cain descending through Ham,will according to the curse put upon him,serve his brothern and be a servant of servants to his fellow-creatures."

In one of the Holy Books of this church, (the Book of Mormon) it describes the white man as being "delightsome" and the black man as being "loathsome".

The Church of Jesus Christ,Christian;founded in 1946 by Dr.Wesley Swift for the reason of preserving segregation.Dr.Swift says: "We definitely believe in the superiority of the whiterace - we don't want to be taken over by cows, horses or anybody."

The Plain Truth,a magazine sent through out the nation by Herbert Armstrong, attempts to explain world conditions from Bible prophesy.He is persistent that the African nations,people as well as resources,are the "birthright" of the white race.He claims by allowing these nations to achieve independence "they would soon revert to the jungle."

Indoctrination of this type,extreme or modified,while held to be divine teaching,is the foundation that people of a less religious nature ,will build on and further distort,causing a cancerous affliction in society.

The teaching or encouraging of racist sentiment certainly does not coincide with the idealism that the church in general has so long tried to promote.

P.S. I am not prejudiced against the church nor to those that I mention in particular,but wish to point out that (using them as an example) in such teaching is the seed of race difficulties.

Jan.27,1966

Writings of (F.R.M.)

RACIAL INTERMARRIAGE GIVEN ASSENT

Of the various existing problems between the black and white races,the most tedious and touchiest concerns that of intermarriage.

It is not unusual to hear people say that they believe in equality and that they are not prejudiced,but when this subject appears in a conversation (and some how it usually does) the real truth is soon revealed.Even some ardent workers and supporters of Civil Rights will often draw a line here at this point.

A complete integration of peoples will result in this climax,and of course it is perfectly natural for this to be.

I have seen and am aware of mixed couples and I cannot see that it looks so terrible,as some seem to think.It may be wondered how such an attitude can exist.As I have before stated,it is either the result of total ignorance of the matter or of irresponsible religious teaching.

From either the Hebrew or Greek text of the Bible,there can be found no prohibition against these unions,in fact to the contrary,black and white marriages are sanctioned by Divine Law. It is recorded,for example,in the Hebrew text,that Moses, (and who was ever greater than he?) married a black woman.Now,did Moses do this woman a favor by marrying her? Did he lower his standards by such a relationship? (Such suggestions are often made.) No indeed! This black woman,named Zipporah,proved to be his cultural and spiritual equal.

However,in spite of Biblical examples and Divine approval,18 states in this nation,according to a 1963 report,had anti-miscegenation laws.We can only wonder,although some evidence is avaible,at the countless illegitimate births and numerous murders that have occurred throughout the years because of such laws.

Perhaps some of these states have abolished these laws since that report, due to civil rights legislation.If not,they must soon do so.The only proper position for any state or any individual to take,is that of the N.A.A,C.P. Let me quote;

> "The N.A.A.C.P. believes that marriage is a personal affair of concern primarily to the man and woman involved.It is opposed to,and advocates repeal of,state laws placing racial restrictions on the institution of marriage.It is neither for or against such unions.In this most intimate relationship,the N.A.A.C.P. maintaines there should be full freedom of choice for the individuals concerned."

July 1,1966

Writings of (F.R.M.)

GRAVE DESECRATION

With the coming of Memorial Day,we are immediately reminded of our burial grounds,whether such is in the public cemetery located in or near town or a private lot hidden back in the country.At this time in connection with them, let us consider two most important subjects,those of neglect and desecration.

Due to the general practice of perpetual care in the public cemeteries, wherein all graves are kept in decent condition,neglect is usually limited to unmarked graves.Whereas in the country such neglect extends to broken markers, lots overgrown with brush and trees and are to be found at times harboring dens of woodchucks. It is most disheartening to behold an unmarked grave or one so neglected in any way,or in any place,for such reveals to us all a terrible negligence and maybe even contempt on the part of the living.

It is the duty and responsibility of every G-d fearing man and woman to make sure that they have complied with the laws of G-d in this matter as well as any other.Just as it is the responsibility of parents to provide support for their little children,it is the responsibility of the children to mark and care for the graves of parents,and such responsibility does not end with the immediate family of parents but extends to include grandparents, great grandparents - and where are we permitted to stop?

We find in 1 Maccabees 13:27-28 (R.S.V.) "And Simon built a monument over the tomb of his fathers and his brothers,he made it high that it might be seen with polished stone in front and back.He also erected seven pyramids opposite one another,for his father and mother and four brothers." It is for certain that we all can not manage such a creation for the purpose of memorialization, yet a simple stone with name and dates is not beyond the reach of anyone.To do contrary is neglect!

Now under the subject of descration,I am sure we are all aware of such actions.Desecration means "to violate the sanctity of". A cemetery being the resting place of our people becomes synonymous with a holy place and thus should be sanctified.To cause any damage or destruction or to create any unseemly act upon or in a burial ground is to violate the sanctity of such.I would like to list a few desecrations that I have either seen or have been made aware of.

1. Turning over grave stones or defacing them.
2. A youth shooting a 22 rifle at a photo on a monument.
3. An older man walking a dog in the cemetery in order for it to relieve itself.
4. The stealing of flowers,urns for the flowers,and other items placed upon the graves.
5. The actual breaking into graves in search for valuables,sometimes noted in rural burial grounds.
6. A report of two bronze urns containing the cremated remains of two people being stolen from a mausoleum,the remains being dumped out on the ground.
7. The playing of radios,loud or boisterous talk,or children running about at will over the graves.Perhaps such is not so serious but all the same most disrespectful.

To cause such desecration is a sin toward the dead and also to the living and such people have become marked before G-d for their deeds which can not so easily be removed.We must as individuals and as a community do all that is

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possible to prevent such deeds and to preserve the sacredness of our cemeteries. And as we become increasingly concerned with the sanctity of our burial grounds, to overcome the neglect and prevent desecration,we will find that in doing so that we have complied with the law of G-d written in Ecclesiasticus 41:3 (K.J.V.) "Remember them that have been before thee"

May 1979

CHURCH INTERFERENCE

It is recorded in our Holy Writings: "And the way of the truth shall be hidden and the land shall be barren of faith." This is one prophecy of the Scriptures that I do not wish to see fulfilled,nor I am sure do any that worship the L-rd G-d.We may feel that in time it will be inevitable,that faith shall die.But we may also consider,and perhaps such is written,that we may be more diligent and do our best to prevent this fulfillment.It is well known that we are living in a secular and materialistic society,that in spite of the size of church membership,is anti-G-d and is aligned against the true basic teachings of the Scriptures.

Because of the national law of separation of church and state,every time that the church makes an effort,whether in practice or commitment (if such concerns the public),then we are all soon reminded of the law.The church has been told to shut up in more ways than can be counted.

Now it seems that such forces are not satisfied,but are now coming in at the door to interfere with our worship services.What I am refering to may be considered quite minor,but I will tell you it is a step that can not be tolerated.

According to the Journal Tribune of Dec.21,on Friday of Dec.15,all Sanford churches were notified by Daniel Burgess (Fire Department Inspection Officer) that locally adopted fire codes prohibit candles unless approved by the Fire Department.All churches using such candles should contact him for approval. He stated, "People carrying candles just can not be authorized."

Just who does he think he is,giving the church orders? Since when must the church accept orders from a secular source? I realize that he is only an "inspection officer" but who dared to impose such codes? By what right? Have they forgotten "separation of church and state" at this time only to revive it when it suits their purpose?

What goes on in any worship service in any church is no concern of any local or state authority! I believe that such is a pretence,to get into the church and begin to interfere with Divine worship.If it is successful,who knows what shall follow.

It has been reported from the Soviet Union that many houses of worship have been taken over by that government for use as hospitals and other "necessary housing". I do not conceive that such will happen here,however,secular laws and restrictions can stifle a church right out of existence,in time.

I will concede that we should consider fire hazards,for no one wants any house of worship to burn down.We should take all reasonable precautions,but

candles used such as altar candles in the church,or Sabbath candles in the synagogue,or any that are vital in a worship service,that have been used since the beginings of our faith,can not be tampered with under any circumstances.

I will advise that all of our people should stand fast.We must not give up one inch of our worship services nor allow any interference at all by either local or state authority.

1979

THE ISSUE OF HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS

Of late there is a great deal of publicity concerning homosexual rights.We find them everywhere,in all fields of endeavor.They not only are found as members of religious congregations but in the pulpit as well.Not only are they confessing to such practice but wish to be recognized as a minority group having their rights.Not only do they demand the right of recognition and acceptance in secular fields but go so far as to claim the right to administer holy sacraments.

I have known men,so disgusted with such practice that I think they would almost like to "do away with them".On the other hand the majority (perhaps do not approve) but may (in time) be willing to concede them their so called rights.

Let us examine the situation in order to get a true perspective.Then we will know how we should regard their demand on rights.

Homosexual in Webster's Dictionary means "one attracted to the same sex" "a person thus perverted",a pervert is "one who has deviated from the normal especially from right to wrong."

Some will say that "they are sick,they can't help it",others will say "they are born that way and not normally developed." Still others will say "let each do his own thing".So while everyone seems to be undecided,they are on the move to acceptability.

We must seek for a fair and true understanding.We need a voice of authority, one that is tried and proven.Therefore reach for your Bible,it's as near as that.Read Susanna 9th verse "and they perverted their minds". They allowed such thoughts to linger in their minds,they enjoyed it,and yielded to the suggestion of evil.In plain English,they wished to do so.Now read Leviticus 20:13 "If a man lies with a male as one lies with a woman,the two of them have done an abhorrent thing,they shall be put to death." (a modern version) Incidently, this death penalty does not apply to women but only to male homosexuals.Although still abnormal even in the case of women.

Now we do not observe the death penalty and if we did,it of itself would only partially control the problem.It is thus the teaching that is most effective.We then must condemn the practice vigorously as it is a blight on the community.

As human beings created in the image of G-d,these people have the same natural rights of all men but as deviates they have no rights.

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For those that have accepted this "life style",there is no hope but to "Return to the L-rd --- and hate abominations intensely" Sirach 17:26.If they cannot by prayer and self will overcome this evil,they must seek out a competent religious psychiatrist,one that is G-d fearing,if it is to be a success. We should help them to overcome such evil if they are willing but at no time should we condone or accept such an abomination.We must hate it "intensely".

1978

A REBUTTAL TOWARD THE N.C.J.W. FOR OPPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY

(The N.C.J.W. is a Jewish women's organization)

I relize that many organizations,both religious and non-religious,both jewish and Christian,are against the "death penalty",but it seems more tragic to me that a Jewish body of any kind should take such a position,that is,to prevent the execution of the death sentence.Jews above all others should be upholding the Holy Law instead of preventing its fulfillment.Do we not realize, have we not learned,after the long years of Jewish history,that we must adhere to His Law? Do we not realize that to abolish or liberalize any of His Law,is to be found fighting against G-d?

While both modern Jewish and modern Christian leaders are wrapped up in their theory of "conscience",teaching "pity" and "compassion" as if it was Torah (and have promoted such for some years).Note,pity and compassion,are alien concepts in Torah.The Torah,emphatically declares,"thou shalt not pity". In cases of law,we are told to deal with facts and records and not to rely on human sentiment.I do not know of any teaching that will destroy civilization any more completely as this,if allowed to run full course.

No society can exist for long without law.May I suggest we look at the Biblical record of the Age of the Flood.There was previous to the flood no law, nothing definite,no control of evil,until "the imagination of men's hearts were evil continualy." And as the record shows,G-d destroyed that world because it went out of control.After the flood,G-d gave to Noah, "Law",one of which is the death penalty.Please note, "Who so sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed;for in the image of G-d made He man" Genesis 9:6.Because man was created in the image of G-d,the murderer must be put to death.

Then again,capital punishment was given in the Mosaic Law.Please note, "the murderer shall be put to death" Numbers 35:16,and verse 31 reads,"ye shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer -- but he shall surely be put to death." Continuing on,verse 33 reads; "no expiation can be made but by the blood of him that shed it."

Is not the law clear enough? Given first in the "Noachidi Laws" then again in the "Mosaic Law",all nations are under obligation to fulfill them,and of all people,it is the Jewish people that have been given the "covenant of laws" or "Torah,and that means to preserve and uphold them.

A Reform Rabbi writes,"I am unalterably opposed to capital punishment.The first reason --- is the fact that capital punishment does not do what it is

Writings of (F.R.M.) A Rebuttal for opposing the Death Penalty (cont.)

intended and alleged to do."This Rabbi does not understand the very elementary teaching of Torah.The purpose of capital punishment,in the case of the murderer, is not that it should deter such future crime (it is believed by some that it should be or is a deterent.)The prime reason of the execution is to bring about an atonement.The murderer has stolen a life,he can not give it back so must forfeit his own and therefore "atone" for his crime.

Under Divine Law,other offenses besides murder are adultery and certain other sex crimes,blasphemy,idolatry,witch craft,kidnapping and Sabbath desecration. These offenders were upon conviction,put to death.

This act stabilizes society by; 1.removing undesirables permanently and 2.by encouraging others to live in a more righteous manner by positive persuasion.

I am not concerned here about the various arguments either in support or in opposion of the death penalty but that it is the Law of G-d.The Time of Noah, the Time of Moses or our present Time,it makes no difference,there is no time with G-d.His Word was,is,and will be "the murderer shall be put to death".It is our duty to premote the law and the duty of government to see that it is carried out.Let us not be found (because of spiritual contamination) to be found fighting against G-d.

Dec.30,1976

MEMORIAL THOUGHTS

As the Memorial Day season approaches,attention is once again (although neglected for the most part throughout the remainder of the year) given to the burial grounds.As we think upon this subject and those related to it,we must discern which is in keeping with G-d's laws and what is only custom.If custom, shall we continue with it or change it? If such is Divine Law,of course it can't be changed.Soon people will be concerned about cutting the grass and placing flowers upon the graves,and if neglected,think about markers fot the graves,not yet marked.

Now there is no law concerning the grass or the flowers,this is custom,but I can see concern and thoughtfulness in the practice.When flowers are placed upon a grave (if real ones are used) it means making several trips to the cemetery throughout the summer to tend them,wheras without them,so many trips would not be made.This is good,read Deuteronomy 32:29 "If they were wise,they would understand this,they would discern their latter end."

In our times of such much lightheartedness and comedy,it is good to become serious for once.From the seriousness of the grave we turn to the admonition of Scripture,back to the business of living.Now it is a fact that the destinies of the living are linked with the dead,they cannot be separated.You may not be what your fathers were,but you extend from them,a continuity,so to speak.Because our fathers contributed to our very existence,and in some respects to our thinking,it is demanded of us to remember and honour those that have passed on.

In Sirach 7:33 it reads: "withhold not kindness from the dead".There is a limit as to what can be done for the dead,"kindness" must simply mean to meet

our responsibilities and as there is no return thanks given by the dead,such becomes an act of "kindness". This includes a proper funeral,in Tobit 14:11 (Revised Standard Version) "and Tobias gave him a magnificent funeral." It includes burial (without delay) and without (desecration) to the body.Also included is a marked grave and these three constitute the laws on showing kindness to the dead.They are mandatory upon all.

Now as to marking the graves,in Genesis 35:20 "and Jacob set up a pillar upon her (Rachel's) grave." He obviously did so for practical reasons,he wanted to remember where she was buried and for others too also,and for sentimental reasons for he loved her and wished to honour her memory.So the custom of marking the graves existed even before G-d revealed the law to do so.Just prior to New Testament Times,it was given.Read 2 Esdras 2:23 "commit them to the grave and mark it." The marker need not be expensive,a small flat stone is sufficient,although many would like to do better,however a very expensive stone perhaps serves the purpose no better than the cheaper one.At any rate something of permanence is desirable and thus fulfills the law of G-d.

Now as you visit the cemetery this year and stand over the graves of relatives and friends,I want you to realize that such as you behold may change, it will be the subject of change.There are those in the name of modernism that are contemplating such change,some do not expect any change,and some have no regard for the dead or their resting places and are not concerned.I do not anticipate any immediate change in regards to established burial grounds but a change in our age-old custom of burial is near - nearer than you think.

While you are there,I want you to consider the answers to three questions. Are you determined (if and when you need to make such a decision) to continue to bury the dead according to our custom and the law of G-d? Are you determined to see that our burial grounds are maintained and preserved? If the modern thinkers in high places attempt to interfere,will you submit to their authority?

I urgently suggest that you make your decision a matter of prayer and meditation.

May 24,1978

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

As time has once again turned over the seasons to spring,and Memorial Day draws nigh,we thus turn our attention to our dead and their burial places.And while we remember these dead (those that have lived before us) let us also remember those that shall come after us,for they too shall desire a burial place and must surely have need of one.Yet our opponents think differently. They claim that we will be facing problems and to solve these we must be willing to subject our beliefs to change.

I have found that no problem can be solved,no enduring conclusion arrived at,except it be derived from that impregnable rock of Holy Scripture.

There is no practice of religion that is of greater importance than that

involved in the burial of the dead.The immutable law of G-d is thus recorded in the book of Esdras,"When you find any who are dead,commit them to the grave." This law was firmly established since the beginning of time.The first burial in history was that of Adam and his son,Abel,thus making it a double burial as it is written: "He caused the place to be dug for two." The preperation of the body and the final burial is given in some detail in the book of Adam and Eve and in the Apocalypis of Moses.Later after Eve's death "they buried her body where Adam's body was." These burials were performed by Angels,Seth alone was allowed to witness such "for he was born by the appointment of G-d". He was given to know "how these things were to be done" and the law given in Adam and Eve 40:7 "Just as ye have seen,in like manner,bury your dead." As such laws can not be changed we may conclude that the only time that we may desist from burying the dead is when the living cease to die.Not only do we insist on burial because of the law to do so but it has become imbedded in our very soul.Our psyche desires it,when our body becomes tired,it yearns for it.

Such sentiment prevails throughout all of the Holy Scriptures.In I Kings 13: 31 "when I am dead,then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of G-d is buried,lay my bones beside his bones." In Tobit 4:3-4 "My son,when I die,bury me and do not neglect your mother,when she dies bury her beside me in the same grave." To our orthodox thinking,sleep and death are nearly synonymous.So in burial one is laid out as if in sleep and this sentiment is expressed by many passages such as "when our rest together is in the dust" and again "So David slept with his fathers".

Now our opponents ,who advocate cremation or some other method have never been able to induce us to change,as yet. In 1873,a physician by the name of Sir Henry Thompson advocated the introduction of cremation into England on "sanitary grounds".It made little progress and was found to be unacceptable. Although cremation has been given "the highest endorsement of many governments" it remains unacceptable to us and shall be forever.

Just as we "in our time" will yearn for the grave,we are repelled by the thought of any unnatural destruction of the body such as we would undergo in cremation.Fire is thought of as the reward of the wicked as we find expressed by the passage "the flame burned up the wicked" and again "And all that work wickedness shall be stubble.And the day cometh that shall set them ablaze. For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet."

If any change shall come about,it will be by future generations who have forgotten G-d.Have we approached this time? Notice if you will,how that our people have become sentimentaly religious much more than in reality or who have become grounded in the laws of faith.For example a certain priest was approached with the subject of the laws of burial and the present concern about "change" and he said, "We are only concerned with the soul". Can you imagine any responsible religious leader making such a statement? Would this have been heard of 100 years ago? Even 50? People are clinging less and less to the laws of faith and are willing to surrender ancient ideals and concepts that they may be considered educated,scientific and modern.And to meet the requirements for these,we are induced to accept change.

Our opponents still claim sanitation as a problem and the next is the need to conserve land.This is all they have to go on,all arguments are involved in these two areas,other than the fact that some at least would like to destroy all religious faith and practice.I will consider that "sanitation" and "space" to be valid arguments.But to be brief,let us consider "sanitation".Burial which

according to Scripture,must take place without delay and to use good common sense as to handling of the body and to properly select burial places (we would not establish burial grounds near sources of drinking water etc.) then there will be no problem as to any feared health hazard. "Space" we are thus concerned about the avaibility of land for burial use.I have spoken with several people who have decided on cremation because they didn't want to waste good land. Would G-d have given such laws if they couldn't be complied with? In areas where there is congestion,different methods can be used as to depth (two deep) is now used in some places.Burial in caves or mausoleums is an option for some. I would not suggest we use prime farm land for burial purposes and on the other hand,we would not use a swamp either.

Lets look at some statistics.According to the American Cemetery Association, "There is no lack of cemetery burial space in the U.S. and our estimates are that even if no new cemeteries were built there is currently space enough for more than 190 years."

So you see if there is any problem,it is only in the minds of our opponents and ours if we dare depart from our faith.Indeed we shall continue as we have from the beginning,and I will conclude with a verse engraved on the tombstone of my great,great,great,grandfather, "then shall the dust return to the earth and the spirit shall return to G-d who gave it."

1979

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS TO BE EVICTED FROM THEIR GRAVES

The eviction of the "Unknown Civil War Soldiers" from their graves is properly called "the National shame".It is reported that 627 graves are to be emptied in early August and shifted to a mass grave,if successful,may be expanded throughout the Country to include some 150,000 Veterans graves.

Not only is this business disgusting,as some wrote,but I will add,it is a crime.To tamper with any grave borders on desecration,no matter how sincere those are who may be involved.

It seems to me that the government is most inconsistent in this matter.We can remember in 1978,when the followers of Jim Jones in Guyana committed mass suicide wherein over 900 bodies were shipped back to this country and given burial,many never being identified.Note,this was a most commendable act for the government to do but note again,these people had renounced the government, or so I understand and yet each was given an individual burial site whereas the unknown soldiers of the Civil War,who served in defense of this government is no longer entitled to an individual burial site,but must be moved to a place of mass burial.Is this justice? Can we accept this?

Every human being born in the image of G-d is entitled to his or her own burial place,consequently all do not get it but it is the duty of government to make this possible - to fulfill Divine Law.It is certain if the government does not respect the resting places of its veterans,we can be assured it will not respect the graves of its civilians.

Writings of (F.R.M.) Soldiers Evicted from their Graves? (continued)

If the elimination of any grave or burial ground is determined to be necessary to the welfare of the living then the following must be observed.If the body is enclosed in a coffin or such,then the removal is without much of a problem;but if the coffin and body have disintegrated,then it becomes more difficult.The entire body including the earth itself (the grave) should be moved and reintered in a proper place.Anything less constitutes a desecration. To remove these unknown soldiers from their graves to a place of mass burial in order to make room for later Veterans is most certainly a desecration.

If this disinterment is condoned and such action completed for the conserving of space,may we not suppose that at some future time others may be disintered and perhaps cremated in order to conserve even more space?And then,may we not suppose that in time all earth burials to be terminated?

As some of us get along in years and become weary and tired we often look forward to joining our fathers in their resting places.Our customs and laws have generally not been interfered with by state or government but now may become questionable.

If this movement of the veterans is successful then be sure other action will follow.Note,the reburial in a mass grave is only a token compromise. We are told that they are still honoured by a large monument and are further told that the Vets themselves would want it this way.But it is not so,the tampering with these graves must be regarded as a desecration and thus forbidden by religious law.

We must be persistent,we must not condone this action.If the Veterans lose their graves now,we all will lose ours later,and with the elimination of our burial grounds will follow the elimination of all religious practice.

We are instructed by G-d's Word to "Remember them that have been before thee." Then let us do that,let us remember those veterans and the best act of remembrance is to watch over and care for their graves,not to steal them.These graves should not be disturbed in any manner until the day that is appointed by G-d when they shall come forth out of those graves that hold them.

July 1980

(Note on the above,)

William S.Cohen
United States Senate
Washington,D.C.

Dear Senator Cohen;

Thank you for your inquiry dated July 30,1980 on behalf of Mr.Frank R. Merchant,regarding the Grafton National Cemetery.

The proposal to relocate the 627 unknown soldiers buried at Grafton after the Civil War to a single site with an appropriate memorial ----- was intended to honor the memory of these soldiers.

However,the reaction of Mr.Merchant,and that of others throughout the country, indicate the proposal was interpreted by many as an act of disrespect -----. To guard against any possible misunderstanding,the proposal has now been abandoned and no relocation at Grafton will be carried out.

Carl T.Noll

Chief Memorial Affairs Director

Writings of (F.R.M.)

THE LAWS OF G-D REGARDING THE DEAD

This letter will be of vital concern to all of our people who hold to the concepts of Jewish and Christian laws and practices.As we become confronted with the tasks of caring for the dead,many are concerned in our time,perhaps more than in any other about financial arrangements.Although it is necessary to consider our financial situation and we wish to stay clear of debt,we are not in any way to violate the Divine Laws of G-d.Nor should we attempt to change our customs because it may be a little cheaper.It must be remembered that the dead can no longer look out for themselves,they are dependent upon us the living to fulfill the laws of G-d on their behalf.Out of respect for the dead and in their memory vast sums of money have been used for such purpose,perhaps unnecessary but on the other hand gross neglect and desecration can be found,not because of a lack of funds but because of not knowing the laws of G-d.

Let us briefly examine the laws and the orthodox practice of our faith and become firmly convinced of where we stand,before any presure,economic or otherwise if brought to bear and force us to submit to the desecration of our dead. In Genesis 3:19 "for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return" and the second great law to be considered is in Sirach 38:16 "Lay out his body with the honour due to him" and the third ruling at least by most orthodox religious leaders is "the living shall not benefit from a dead body".

1 AUTOPSIES

Routine autopsies just can not be tolerated! In cases where murder is involved or an epidemic is in process and an autopsy can without a doubt bring justice or prevent the spread of desease,a limited autopsy may be considered. Note: Such post mortem examinations must be limited! It should be carried out under the supervision of competent religious overseers.All openings that are made are to be resewn and all parts returned.The whole operation being done in a most respectful manner.

2 DONATING BODY ORGANS

This practice has been frowned upon by religious authorities as "deriving benefit from a dead body" but has been generaly allowed for a donor to donate a part for example a kidney or the eyes for a living relative or friend.Note: Only a limited donation is permitted and must go immediately to a waiting person.A part or parts are not allowed to be stored for possible future use. No matter how considerate it may seem ,to donate body organs to others,it is questionable.Do not be persuaded into making such a decision.At all costs, follow G-ds plainly written laws of returning all to the earth.This is not a selfish decision but a fulfillment of Divine law.

3 WILLING A BODY TO MEDICAL SCIENCE

Willing a body to a medical school for dissection or experimentation is expressly forbidden! It is most definately a desecration of the dead.

4 CREMATION

This is not a Jewish or Christian practice and is expressly forbidden! As for the Orientals who practice such customs,they shall be judged for their decisions in relation to their faith.To fail in "laying out the body with honour" and returning it to the earth becomes a double violation and in modern terms a criminal act.If the deceased has made such decisions,he has deprived the living of fulfilling the commandments on his behalf and for the living to do likewise is to prevent the dead from being sanctified by not returning the body to the earth.

Writings of (F.R.M.) Laws of G-d regarding the dead (continued)

5 EMBALMING

This too has been frowned upon by the orthodox.However we may take note that the Patriarch Jacob and Joseph,the Prime Minister of Egypt,so recorded in the book of Genesis were both embalmed according to Egyptian custom and not a word written in condemnation.It was accepted and we may wonder why.The Egyptian process took forty days,a far lengthier process than that used in our time. Of course it was a complete process and was permanent.This embalming was not considered a desecration of the dead because it was for their honour.The living did not "derive benefit from a dead body" and it was not a health hazard due to the process.

6 COFFIN

In the east,Jews often express the desire to be buried without the benefit of a coffin so as to be nearer to the earth and be able to complete the process a little faster.Orthodox Jews stress a simple wood coffin for all both rich and poor alike.A proper coffin has one or several holes bored through it,near or on the bottom for good drainage.

7 EARTH BURIAL

This is the custom and practice of our faith and the most acceptable in fulfilling the law.However entombment above or below ground may also be acceptable and may be chosen as an alternative.

Let us look at a very ancient record which I have here before me, The Apocalypsis of Moses 40:6-7 "and both were buried according to the commandment of G-d,in the spot where G-d found the dust,and He caused the place to be dug for two ---- they took the two bodies and placed them in the spot which they had digged and builded." This text refers to the burial of Abel and his father,Adam, the first burial in the history of the earth and the forerunners of our present religious practice.In Apocalypsis of Moses 41:2 "strew linen clothes and cover the body of Adam and bring oil of the oil of fragrance and pour it over him. And they acted thus did the angels and they prepared him for burial" and in Adam and Eve 38:5 "and the sleep of the dead was consecrated." Back to Apocalypsis of Moses 43:1 "Lay out in this wise every man that dieth till the day of the resurrection."

Is this not clear enough? The preparing the body and burial in the earth without delay,and for how long? "Till the day of the resurrection." This is the custom and process that has been accepted from the beginning of man's history and it is according to Divine Law.

I will conclude by saying that no benefit has ever been recieved or ever will be recieved by anyone at anytime for any practice that clearly violates G-d's supreme laws.

1981-82

Writings of (F.R.M.)

AN EPISTLE TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The death of a religious community is not an unique occurrence but rather a common phenomena of our times.For many years rural churches have died or are in the process of doing so,however this also applies to city churches and to Jewish synagogues as well.

But then man is mortal and he lives for only a little season,he dies,and that which he builds also dies,only faith itself does not die,faith is eternal as G-d is eternal.Faith is the spark of the Divine in man,and although eternal, it is elusive,perhaps fragile and because of the nature of things it is incumbent upon us not to extinguish this spark in any man but rather to feed it,to fan it into a flame.Once faith is obtained or should we say realized,we must hold it fast lest it is gone again. Ecclesiasticus 25:12 "Faith is the beginning of clinging to Him".

Are we living in the time when the mind of man is in the process of disintegration? When man departs from G-d,his mind (the seat of understanding) soon deteriorates and in time suffers the agony of spiritual death.What we consider spiritual death is to be dead while yet alive.This state is the result of unbelief.Unbelief is the result of either:

1 SIN which is separation from G-d.
2 EVOLUTION a pseudo-science which destroys the Fatherhood of G-d.
3 THE ETERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES which causes despair and delusion among men.

1 SIN

Susanna,verse 9 "And they perverted their minds and turned away their eyes from looking to Heaven or remembering righteous judgements." Here we are dealing basically with persistent sin or deliberately turning away from G-d. But what is sin? The Christian New Testament reads in John 3:4 "sin is the transgression of the law". The Divine Law which emanates from G-d is given to man and G-d created man to live in harmony with this law.G-d,man and the Law form a triangle,with the severance of the law,the triangle is thus broken and man is lost from G-d.This law is perfect "restoring the soul",however the modern Christian Church seems to have some aversion to it,much more than the church of even 50 years ago.Perhaps this aversion to the law is an unrealized attempt to work the church into modern life,to make it fit.The Church is in the process of change but the eternal law of G-d changeth not.There is no reason to select choice passages of Scripture to support the teaching of the law,rather let us instead use a brief and rational explanation from the Christian view. If there is no law --- there is no sin --- if there is no sin ---- there is no need of Christ sacrifice and if no sacrifice --- your preaching is vain.

As the law is the nature of G-d and the connecting line between G-d and man, it becomes obvious that to remove this law,man becomes separated and the result is unbelief.

2 EVOLUTION

"In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth" Genesis 1:1,thus we have the fatherhood of G-d which is in contrast to this doctrine of evolution. To completely examine this teaching and compare it to the Biblical account of creation could possibly take up volumes of work on science and theology.In brief however,evolution is the process of constant change,a change within the species,

a changing of the species and changing one type of species with another.

Creation is "In the beginning G-d created" and that He created each to produce "after its own kind". However,there is allowed some change within the species which we call progress or regress but within limits.Each specie remains always its own self,it always retains its originality.This then is the work of creation and such becomes a monument to the Creator.

This pseudo-science,this teaching of evolution is the most damnable teaching in the history of mankind.It has caused the destruction of more souls than any teaching since the days of ancient Israel when idolatry was the scourge of the day.For every soul brought near to the "mercy seat" of G-d,at least one thousand have been lost because of this hypothesis invented and promoted by ungodly men and because they "turned away their eyes from Heaven".This doctrine destroys the fatherhood of G-d and if man cannot relate to G-d as his heavenly Father,his Creator,he falls into unbelief.

3 THE CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES

"In the morning the L-rd will show who are His and who is Holy." Numbers 16: 5.We are all aware of their being a vast conglomeration of religious sects through out the world,each claiming to be at the right hand of G-d and perhaps worst of all,is that each condemns the other of being straight from the underworld itself.

Limiting this article to our own monistic faith,we have Judaism,Christianity and Islam.Do we have harmony? No we do not! Judaism is the mother religion of our faith.It is this ancient people that G-d chose to deliver His law and that they should be a nation of "prophets and priests." How do Jews accept this Divine destiny? The answer can be found in the book of Jonah.Jonah was commanded to go to Nineveh to preach repentance.Please take notice,not conversion but repentance.G-d did not wish that these people become Jews only that they turn from sin.Jonah was a proud Jew and he balked,yet he went,in the course of the story he went and preached repentance to that Gentile city of Nineveh.The entire city repented,but Jonah was displeased,angry and even wished to die,then G-d spoke to him "Should I not pity Nineveh,that city in which there are more than a hundred and twenty-thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left?

Herein Judaism learned a great spiritual lesson,have the daughters learned this? Are the daughters so different from their mother? Why have these daughters (Islam and Christianity) both condemned the mother? Is it not written "Where is the bill of your mother's divorce? Why do Christians condemn Islam? Why do the Moslems condemn Christians? Does not G-d have a plan for both? Did not Rabbi Gamiel in the Christian New Testament say,"If this work be of men,it will come to nought." Has Islam come to nought? Has Judaism come to nought?

If we confine our attention to the sects within the church it becomes the same.I have seen fundamentalists passing condemnation on other fundamentalists. Let me state very clearly,no man is under condemnation except by unbelief or rebellion.

How about the conversion issue? and the who is right syndrome? I find it nearly always senseless for a person to be converted from one faith to that of another.To do so is a complete upheavel to the individual and to the family of which he is a member.I would never encourage a Jew to become a Christian nor should I encourage a Christian to be a Jew,but rather that he become a better Christian or that a Moslem become a better Moslem.That the Jew remain loyal to

the faith of his fathers.What is to be gained by such conversion? Salvation is a gift of G-d to be given to all who accept "I am the L-rd thy G-d" and those who "obey my voice".

The difference between G-d fearing men is in the "understanding of the nature of G-d" - "the interpretation of the law" and "religious ritual". I declare unto all men everywhere "that each should be fully persuaded in his own mind".I do not suggest a universal faith or church for such would only stifle faith itself.Think,what if the whole world was a Baptist Christian? or a Hasidic Jew? or a Shiite Moslem? To unite all would only create an extreme liberalism,this would be a disaster to all,for it would teach nothing and thus be the cause of unbelief and on the other hand the fundamentalist often become ultra extremist and the controversy that results between them turn many away into unbelief.Is not unbelief the greatest sin of all? Can a man repent from unbelief? "Take heed brothern,lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief,in departing from the living G-d." Hebrews 3:12 Christian New Testament

As we view the death of a church,the dying of the church (body of believers) and the destruction by vandels plus that of time and the elements to the church (meeting house) we can only feel a sense of loss.But is this a shadow of things to come? Is it not written "the earth shall be barren of faith? 2 Esdras 5:1 Will faith come to an end? Will this prophecy come to pass or can we prevent it?

Jonah cried out in Nineveh "Yet 40 days and Nineveh shall be overthrown" But the people repented and when G-d saw this repentance "G-d repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them,and he did not do it." Jonah 3:4,10

So then,is it not possible to change the course of history and refuse to let faith die? We are given further encouragement in Tobit 14:5-7 (Catholic version has Tobias) "And the house of G-d shall be rebuilt (temple at Jerusalem) for all generations for ever just as the prophets said of it.Then all the Gentiles will turn to fear the L-rd G-d ---. All the Gentiles will praise the L-rd ----. And all who love the L-rd G-d in truth and righteousness will rejoice."

Finally I beseech you all to be considerate of every soul.Do not regard each soul as a canidate for conversion but that such souls are on a journey -- perhaps they are seeking G-d.Do not place stumbling blocks before them but rather point out the path that you yourself see and allow them to choose this path or perhaps yet another,even though it may be different than what you have shown,perhaps G-d has brought such to pass.

Who knows what path faith shall lead?

Who knows the limits of faith?

Remember, "Faith is the beginning of clinging to Him."

Writings of (F.R.M.)

THE MANIFESTATION OF FAITH --- UNIVERSALISM IN OUR FAMILY

The first commandment of the Decalogue is "I am the L-rd thy G-d." He is,the relization of his being,to have faith in his being,that he is our Creator,our heavenly father,this is the beginning of our spiritual self-developement.For at this point we seek G-d and our relationship to Him is through His revealed Word which is known as the Holy Scriptures or Torah.The revelation of the Scriptures and the observance of its teachings is known as religion.Religion is a light that gives us direction along the path of life,it teaches us how to seek G-d and how to worship Him.And this is so from the earliest of times; Genesis 4:26 "Then began men to call upon the name of the L-rd."

According to genealogical evidence,our history began when John Marchant settled in Braintree,Mass. in 1636 but very little is known till 1721 when Jabez Merchant married Mary Butman and settled in Squam in that year.Is from the following years 1721-1986 (265 years) that we are able to draw some sort of conclusion on the matter of faith.

As I view the faith of our family as revealed in our recorded history,I find a continues faith which has had several appearances over the years and has many forms,never having been an oppressive faith ,never have we followed any one religion.There has and is a strong element of Universalism that has been continues and consistent.This Universalism has been not only in the connection with the Universalist Church but the faith is held by those of us who may not only belong to other churches but retained by those who have withdrawn from organized religion altogether.

I have never known a Merchant who was an avowed athiest but many have expressed their unbelief,they question faith,they question eternity and they question the existence of G-d as though disillusioned.Is the unbelief in our family caused by dogmatic religion? Could it be caused by the uncertainty and instability of religion? Or perhaps is it caused by the hardship and suffering in our lives? Some people suffer unbelieveably! If you doubt this fact then I will urge you to turn back through the pages of time to page 33,Zacheus Lane,husband of Rebecca Merchant,died a terrible and lingering death.Nothing passed from his body except urine for nearly five weeks.He died at the young age of 47 and is buried in the Bay View Cemetery.How about the scores of infants and young children who have died causing grief to their parents? How about those lost at sea? How about those who have suffered death by cancer,T.B. and other terrible illnesses? "Pause and be quiet my people,because your rest will come" 2 Esdras 2:24.

The Merchant family and faith has an eternal destiny.I will list 18 desendants of Jabez and their church affiliations as given in our records and note the Universalist Church itself claims its share of that membership.

1. Jabez Merchant (1695-1773) From the early records of the Third Church we find him being elected to serve as both "treasurer" and "caretaker".
2. Daniel Marchant Jr. (1745-) Found in a list of names to Incorperate "The Independent Christian Church" 1792.
3. William Marchant (1817-1890) One of the founders of the "Universalist Church" at Pigeon Cove and was the "treasurer".
4. John S.Marchant (1926-1985) A member of the Lanesville Congregational Church and was its "sexton".
5. William Merchant Jr. (1778-1823) A member of the Independent Christian Church.

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6. Captain Charles Marchant (1813-1899) Attended the Universalist Church.
7. Simeon Merchant Jr. (1843-1910) A member of Trinity Congregational Church.
8. Epes Merchant (1780-1859) A member of the Independent Christian Church.
9. Nathaniel Merchant (1783-1818) Member of the Independent Christian Church.
10 Epes W.Merchant (1804-1887) A member of the Independent Christian Church and served on several church committees.
11. William T.Merchant (1840-1896) A member of the Independent Christian Church and served on several church committees.
12. Lewis H.Merchant (1849-1891) A member of the Independent Christian Church.
13. Addison Merchant (1816-1867) A member of the First Baptist Church.
14. George Merchant Jr. (1828-1906) A member of the First Baptist Church and established his own Sunday school.
15. George E.Merchant "G.E.M." (1853-1929) a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
16. Roy D.Merchant (1887-1951) A member of St.Johns Episcopal Church.
17. Orlando Merchant (1856-1930) A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
18. Frank Merchant (1879-1960) A member of the Wesley Methodist Church.

As we examine the list of men whom we find record of,we must note that there are numbers of our family whom we do not have even this limited information, and again a number of family members who were and are not formerly members of any church.

Is it importent to hold membership in a church or other religious organization?Can faith be found outside of the sometimes beautiful constructed ediface? Is it not written? "The eyes of the L-rd are in every place" Proverbs 15:3 and again "He knoweth the secrets of the heart" Psalms 44:21. So many of our greatest religious leaders,prophets,teachers and activests were outside of the church, many of them were once damned by the church (just look at your world history). Do you recall Martin Luther? How about Joseph Smith,the founder of the Mormon Church? Remember John Murray when he came to Gloucester with his strange new doctrine of Universalism? As we find that G-d moves men outside of the church, also it is found true inside the church.The church has turned out many fine examples of dedicated souls and this we find in our family history and they in turn have become an inspiration to us in our time.

If you are born into the church,perhaps it best to remain therein for it is written; "I will praise the L-rd in the assembly and congregation" Psalms 111:1 If you can not find a communion with G-d in such congregation,if the light has gone out then we are instructed in Numbers 16:21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation".

As Universalism seems to be such an importent part of our ancestral heritage, do we understand what true universalism is? Do not equate true universalism with modern liberalism as they are not synormenous.A liberal is defind as being "open minded" "favoring progressive ideals and freedom of religion".The theological concept of Universalism is the "ultimate salvation of all men".A liberal may be a Universalist and a Universalist may be liberal but a true Universalist believes in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and therefore has bounds of limitations which bounds can not be crossed.The true liberal has no such bounds. John Murray, [illegible] brought Universalism to Gloucester,established the church and later in 1899"The five points of Universalism" was established by the church;

1. The Universal Fatherhood of G-d
2. The Spiritual Leadership of Jesus

Writings of (F.R.M.) Manifestation of Faith (continued)

3. The Bible,a Revelation of G-d
4. Sin and its Just Retribution
5. The Harmonizing Finally of all Souls with G-d

I believe that the Universalist Church has of late years,changed these guide lines of faith.Now note this; Divine Principal can not be changed! G-d can not change! I believe that the five points of Universalism as established by the early members of the church was indeed the work of inspired men.Of all the instruction and inspiration coming out of the Christian Church,I find nothing established that reveals greater wisdom and more effective in protecting the faith than what is hereby given.

Now as there is universalism in the church,it is also in Judaism.We find many instances of universal thought scattered throughout the Scriptures. Perhaps one of the best teaching is found in the story of Jonah.G-d instructed Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh (a Gentile city) an preach repentence.Jonah was not instructed to preach or to seek converts,only that the people should turn away from their evil doings.Yet Judaism was the only monotheistic faith in those generations.It was a lesson to the Jews of that time that G-d took notice of the Gentiles and was indeed the universal father of all mankind.

The true universalist believes in one G-d,the father of all, (all descendants of Adam) and embraces all men which however does not follow the liberal approach of allowing or tolerating evil.Evil which is a committed act of sin is a traspass against the commandments of G-d and such action causes hardship and dispair and death to those who committ such trespass and upon those whom we traspass against. Tobit 12:10 reads; "Those who commit sin are enemies of their own lives."

Let us view and contemplate on the Scripture texts below;
Ecclesiastes 1:4 "One generation passeth away,and another generation cometh"
Psalms 90:1 "L-rd,thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations"
Sirech 10:24 "The nobleman,and the judge,and the ruler will be honored,but none of them is greater than the man who fears the L-rd"
Psalms 89:29 "His seed also will I make to endure forever"

Can you remember in our history in 1695 when Abijah Marchant and his wife, Mary Taylor begot their last child (perhaps the last child) and named him Jabez? 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (Jerusalem Bible) "His mother gave him the name Jabez,because,she said,in distress I gave birth to him.Jabez called on the G-d of Israel.If you truly bless me,he said,you will extend my lands,your hand will be with me,you will keep harm away and my distress will cease.G-d granted him what he had asked."

And have I not written that we have an eternal destiny with faith?

CONCLUSION OF THE WORK

"THE HOUSE OF JABEZ"

Began in 1889 by George Edward Merchant who passed away March 22,1929. It was recovered by Robert Douglass Merchant who then organized the work and he later passed away on September 9,1984.Before his death he passed the work on into the hands of Frank Russell Merchant who brought the work to completion. But please note the following; Genealogy is an ongoing work and can never be completed.

There is considerable research to be done,city records,burial grounds, old newspapers to be examined and interviews to be held.It could take months even years and during this time new events are happening,there are new births, marriages and deaths and yet our family,the descendants of Jabez Merchant,grows larger and are now scattered throughout the world.Who can begin to know their number?

It is hoped that the material gathered herein will become informative to those who seek for information and become an inspiration to those who seek their roots,their idenity.It is believed that as we spend some time with our ancestors that the quality of our lives will be enriched and that we shall certainly be much more secure. It is hoped that this work will serve as an example to future writers in the family to carry on the events of our history. Todays events will be tomorrows history and may be of importance to our future descendants.

I will conclude this work,this work that has been in the making for 97 years, with a text from the Scriptures;

"So I too will here end my story,
If it is well told and to the point,
that is what I myself desired;
if it is poorly done and mediocre,
that was the best I could do.
---- and here will be the end."

2 Maccabees 15:38-39

Earnestly commending you every one to G-d
and to His mercy which endureth forever,
I remain your humble kinsman.

Frank R.Merchant

Addition see page 28 (Obituary of Mary A.Merchant Thompson)

"Thompson - In South Berwick,Maine,March 30,Mrs.Mary Ann,wife of John Thompson,formerly of Lanesville,70 years."

Times April 2,1900

Addition see page 40

The children of Mary E.Merchant and Eric Conrad; (they live in Millerstown, Pa.)

CHILD b 1.V A d 1. CALEB CONRAD b.1981

CHILD b 1.V A d 2. SARAH ALICE CONRAD b.1983

CHILD b 1.V A d 3. JOHN MATTHEW CONRAD b.Jan.5,1986

Addition see page 54

Thomas Marchant and two infant children buried at Oak Grove Cemetery,found inscribed on Riggs monument.

Correction page 61

The children of John Merchant and Susannah Sargent; (as recorded)

CHILD A JOHN MERCHANT JR. b.Feb.4,1823

CHILD B SUSANNAH MERCHANT m.April 26,1837

(Probably child B Susannah should be child A,for if Susannah had been born on the same date as her brother John,she would have been but 14 years old at her marriage.)

Addition see page 87

James Roberts Merchant was a fisherman.

Addition see page 258

Hugh Dennen Allen was born June 3,1913 and was adopted Dec.24,1917 and his name changed to HUGH DENNEN MERCHANT. He m.May 6,1934 Florence Temple Knowles, they begot;

CHILD a PATRICIA ANN MERCHANT b.Dec.18,1934

CHILD b JOAN MERCHANT b.Jan.20,1936

CHILD c HUGH DENNEN MERCHANT JR. b.Feb.22,1937

CHILD d RONALD LEANDER MERCHANT b.July 5,1939

Addition see page 256 and obituary on page 259

ALBERT T.MERCHANT (son of Edwin Merchant and Alice White) not found in the records of G.E.M. or R.D.M. but noted in the obit. of his brother,Forest. He was b.Abt.1883 and buried Nov.26,1943 age Abt.60y. at Oak Grove Lot # 1082.

Chapter 1 "JABEZ MERCHANT" PART I

Generation 1

1. Daniel Merchant	1721-	12
2. Mary Merchant	1723-	"
3. Martha merchant	1725-	"
4. Jabez Merchant	1727-	"
5. Lois Merchant	1729-	"
6. Samuel Merchant	1731-	"
7. John Merchant	1733-	13
8. Eunice Merchant	1735-	"
9. Lemuel Merchant	1737-	14

Generation 2

I William Doliver	1749-	12
I Joseph Day	1744-	"
I Caleb Woodbury	1751-	"
II Lois Woodbury	1753-	"
I Samuel Merchant	1754-	"
II Samuel Merchant	1756-	"
III John Merchant	1758-	"
IV Cornelious Merchant	1760-	13
I Sarah Merchant	1759-	14
II Lemuel Merchant	1761-	"

Chapter 2 "DANIEL MERCHANT"

Generation 1

1. Daniel Merchant Jr.	1745-	24
2. Rebecca Merchant	1746-	32
3. Jabez Merchant	1749-1829	"
4. William Merchant	1751-1802	62
5. Hannah Merchant	1754-1840	"
6. Mary Merchant	1756-1831	63
7. Judith Merchant	1758-1772	"
8. Cornelious Merchant	1761-	"
9. Eunice Merchant	1763-	"
10. John Merchant	1767-	"

Generation 2

I Tammy Merchant	1770-	25
II Daniel Merchant (3rd)	1771-1850	"
III Rebecca Merchant	1774-	26
IV Abigail Merchant	1777-	"
V Caleb Merchant	1784-1875	"
VI Lucy Merchant	1784-	"
VII Nancy Merchant	1784-	27
VIII Timithy Merchant	1784-	"
IX Tristram Merchant	1784-	"

X Uni Merchant	1784-	27
XI William Dennison Merchant	1784-	"
I William Tucker	1766-	32
I Mary Beal Merchant	1780-1787	"
II Rebecca Merchant	1782-1853	"
III Susanna Merchant	1785-	"
IV Jabez Merchant	1787-1788	"
V Jabez Merchant	1789-1820	"
VI Merchant (son)	1792- (2 da.)	"
VII John Merchant	1793-1823	"
VIII Mary Beal Merchant	1796-	"
IX Betsy Woodbury Merchant	1799-1873	"
X Nathaniel Merchant	1800-	"
I John Lane	1774-	62
II Epes Lane	1778-	63
III Samuel Lane	1793-1873	"
IV Hannah Lane	1794-	"
I John C.Butler	1775-	"
II John C.Butler	1777-	"
III Mary Butler	1781-	"
IV Sally Butler	1783-	"
V Walter Butler	1785-	"
VI Epes Butler	1789-1873	"
VII Ignatius Butler	1793-1870	"
VIII Judith Butler	1796-	"

Generation 3

A Daniel Merchant (4th)	1800-1860	25
B Charles Merchant	1802-1872	"
C Irene Merchant	1810-1840	26
D Margaret Merchant	1817-1845	"
E Mary Jane Merchant	1818-1842	"
A Caleb Merchant Jr.	1808-1875	27
B Nathaniel Low Merchant	1812-1864	"
C William Merchant	1817-1890	"
D Eben Merchant	1824-1845	28
E Merchant (son) infant	buried 1826	"
F Mary A.Merchant	1830-1900	"
A Rebecca Lane	1807-1819	33
B Caroline Lane	1809-	"
C Cyrus Lane	1812-	"
D Susan Merchant Lane	1814-1854	"
E Betsey Merchant Lane	1817-1889	"
A Harraden (son)	1820-	34
B Martha Elizabeth Harraden	1824-	"
C Simeon Harraden (twin)	1824-1891	"
D Susannah Harraden	1826-	"
E Susannah Harraden	1829-	"
A Jabez Merchant	1813-1895	35
B Thomas Merchant	1815-1841	"
C Martha Ann Merchant	1816-1903	"
D Horatio Gates Merchant	1817-1854	"

E Solomon Merchant (infant)	1820-	35
A John Merchant Jr.	1823-1826	61
B Susannah Merchant (m.1837)	-------	"
A Joseph Dennen	1815-	62
B Mary Dennen	1817-1882	"
C Solomon Dennen	1819-1887	"
D Caroline Lane Dennen	1829-	"
E Caroline Lane Dennen	1833-	"
A Abner Gott	1823-	"

Generation 4

a Daniel Merchant (5th)	1823-	25
b Elizabeth Ballard Merchant	1841-	"
c William B.Merchant	1844-	"
a Charles Merchant Jr.	1831-1883	"
b George Friend Merchant	1840-1842	"
c George Merchant	1843-	26
d Susan Merchant	1845-1846	"
e Merchant (daughter)	1846- (10 da.)	"
f Rhoda Merchant	1849-	"
a Albert Merchant	1839-1859	28
b Julia Maria Merchant	1842-1861	"
c Caleb L.Merchant	1845-1916	"
a William Merchant (child)	1843-	30
b William Merchant (child)	1845-	"
c William Merchant	1847-1863	"
a Bulah Ann Merchant	1836-1875	35
b Jabez Merchant	1838-1907	"
c Thomas Merchant	1840-1841	"
d Mary Elizabeth Merchant	1842-1917	"
e John Merchant	1845-1910	"
f James Lane Merchant	1847-1910	"
g William Henry Merchant	1850-1921	"
h Ella Florence Merchant	1853-	"
i Horatio Gates Merchant	1855-1931	36
j Cleveland Parsons Merchant	1857-1925	"
k Lenett Merchant	1860-1861	"
a Martha Ann Allen	1834-	54
b Mark L.Allen	1836-	"
c Francis Allen	1839-1906	"
d Martha Ann Allen	1842-1861	"
e Hannah F.Allen	1845-1872	"
f Mary Ann Allen	1846-	"
g Horatio Allen	1847-	"
h Gardner Allen	1857-	"
a Thomas Merchant	1841-1890	55
b Sarah Elizabeth Merchant	1842-1862	"
c John Merchant	1844-1845	"
d James Woodbury Merchant	1846-1924	"
e Horace Mann Merchant	1848-1911	"
f David Merchant (5 mon.)	1853-	"

Generation 5

a 1.	Laurie Annie Merchant	1857-1886	25
a 1.	Fred A.Merchant	1870-1922	28
a 2.	Merchant (daughter)	------	"
b 1.	Jabez Sydney Merchant	1863-	37
b 2.	Blanch Merchant	1866-1870	"
b 3.	Kilby Sargent Merchant	1868-1928	"
b 4.	Henry Stone Merchant	1872-1927	"
b 5.	Grace A.Merchant (child)	1875-	"
b 6.	Rutherford Hayes Merchant	1877-1937	"
b 7.	Jonas Harrod Merchant	1881-	"
b 8.	Andrew Thurston Merchant	1884-	"
b 9.	Nellie Grace Merchant	1887-	"
d 1.	Fred O.Sargent		47
d 2.	Frank L.Sargent		"
d 3.	Charles W.Sargent		"
d 4.	Fannie Sargent		"
d 5.	Martha Sargent		"
d 6.	Lettie Sargent		"
e 1.	Wilbur C.Merchant	1870-1926	48
e 2.	Harry R.Merchant (1 mon.)	1881-	"
f 1.	Laura F.Merchant	1872-	50
f 2.	Allen James Hall Merchant	1874-1875	"
f 3.	Carrie A.Merchant	1877-	"
f 4.	Preston James Merchant	1879-	"
f 5.	Bulah Cleveland Merchant	1884-	51
f 6.	Jabez Merchant	1887-	"
f 7.	Alphonso Sargent Merchant	1890-	"
f 8.	Merchant (daughter)	1892-	"
f 9.	Edith H.Merchant	1894-	"
h 1.	Elmer Lane	1870-	53
h 2.	Hebert Tole Lane	1874-	"
h 3.	Julia H.Lane	1877-	"
a 1.	Albion T.Merchant	1871-1872	55
a 2.	Edwin C.Merchant	1872-1874	56
a 3.	Arthur B.Merchant	1875-1881	"
a 4.	Emma L.Merchant	1877-1899	"
a 5.	Blanch E.Merchant	1881-	"
a 6.	Bertha E.Merchant (Twin)	1881-	"
a 7.	Eliza M.Merchant	1888-	"
d 1.	Grace F.Merchant	1869-	57
d 2.	Herman L.Merchant	1873-1964	"
d 3.	Merchant (daughter)	1873-	"
d 4.	Frank S.Merchant	1875-1906	"

Generation 6

a 1.I	Russell Norwood		28
a 1.II	Roy Norwood		"
b 1.I	Blanch Merchant	1891-1892	38
b 1.II	Nettie Merchant	1893-1966	"
b 1.III	Sidney Gardner Merchant	1895-	"

b 1.IV Thomas Rogers Merchant	1898-	38
b 1.V William Henry Merchant	1900-1944	"
b 1.VI Percy Adams Merchant	1904-	"
b 1.VII Stanley Sargent Merchant	1906-1968	"
b 6.I Merchant (stillborn)	1913	45
b 6.II Rutherford B.Merchant	1918-	"
b 8.I Andrew Vincent Merchant	1922-	46
e 1.I John Clifton Merchant	1896-	48
e 1.II Andrew Leighton Merchant	1899-	"
d 2.I Vera Mildred Merchant	1900-1982	59
d 2.II Eleanor Saunders Merchant	1903-	"
d 2.III Pauline Merchant	1905-1984	"
d 4.I Ernest Wilton Merchant	1898-1934	60
d 4.II James Earl Merchant	1899-1959	"
d 4.III Irene Catherine Merchant	1900-	"
d 4.IV Marion Augusta Merchant	1903-	"

Generation 7

b 1.V A John S.Merchant	1926-1985	38
b 1.V B William H.Merchant		39
b 1.V C Gilbert B.Merchant		"
b 1.V D Elizabeth Merchant		"
b 1.V E Georginer Merchant		"
b 1.V F Nancy Merchant		"

Generation 8

b 1.V A a John S.Merchant Jr.	1954-	40
b 1.V A b James J.Merchant		"
b 1.V A c Anthony P.Merchant		"
b 1.V A d Mary E.Merchant		"
b 1.V A e Deborah L.Merchant		"
b 1.V A f Jane P.Merchant		"

Generation 9

b 1.V A b 1. Alicia Merchant	1983-	42
b 1.V A b 2. Kimberly Ann Merchant	1985-	"

Chapter 3 "WILLIAM MERCHANT"

Generation 1

1. William Merchant Jr.	1778-1823	81
2. Epes Merchant	1780-1859	89
3. Nathaniel Merchant	1783-1818	"
4. Charlotte Merchant (age 14)	-------	92
5. James Merchant	1787-1872	"

Generation 2

I Charlotte Merchant	1802-1868	81

II William Merchant (3rd)	1803-1877	81
III Eliza Merchant	1805-1833	"
IV Sally Merchant	-----	"
V Mary Roberts Merchant	1809-	"
VI Nathaniel Merchant	----	"
VII Harriet Merchant	1815-1842	"
VIII James Roberts Merchant	--------	"
IX Clarissa Merchant	1820-1852	"
I Nathaniel Merchant	1807-1807	89
I James Merchant Jr.	1812-1857	94
II Charles Merchant	1813-1899	"
III Simeon Merchant	1815-1899	"
IV Albert Merchant	1818-1886	"
V Richard Friend Merchant	1819-1903	"
VI Mary Friend Merchant	1822-1851	"
VII Emily Friend Merchant	1824-	"
VIII Epes William Merchant	1827-1857	"
IX Abigail Ober Kimball Merchant	1829-1851	"
X Benjamin William Merchant	1832-1868	"
XI Frederick Norwood Merchant	1834-1921	"

Generation 3

A Mary Sargent	1821-	83
B Winthrop Sargent	1823-	"
C Eliza Sargent	1825-	"
D Susan Sargent	1828-	"
E Charlotte Sargent	1829-	"
F Elberta Sargent	1832-	"
G Elizabeth Ann Sargent	1834-	"
H Emiline Sargent	1836-	"
A William Merchant (4th)	1829-1901	"
B Sarah Elizabeth Merchant	1834-1904	"
C Clara Merchant	1842-1924	"
D Charles Merchant	1845-1902	"
E Anna A.Merchant	1848-1876	"
F John Merchant	1851-1853	"
A Eliza Ann Brown	1834-	86
B James Brown	1834-	"
A Mary Ann Grover	1825-	"
B Josiah Willard Grover	1829-	"
A Mary Eliza Pew	1828-1843	87
B Henry Pew	1831-	"
C Alonzo Pew	1836-	"
D Valeria Pew	1841-	"
E Mary Eliza Pew	1843-	"
A Harriet Gray	1831-	"
B Clarissa Gray	-----1836	"
C Clarissa Gray	-----1838	"
D Clarissa Gray	1838-1840	"
A Mary Adelia Merchant	1838-1919	"
B Eliza Merchant	1841-	88
C James Roberts Merchant Jr.	1843-1905	"

D	Nathaniel Merchant	1846-1900	88
E	Merchant (daughter) (1 da.)	1848-	88A
F	Merchant (son) (stillborn)	1849-	"
G	Merchant (daughter) (2 da.)	1850-	"
H	Merchant (son) (stillborn)	1852-	"
I	Merchant (daughter)	1856-	"
J	Emma F.Merchant	1856-	"
K	Merchant (daughter)	1857-	"
L	Merchant (son) (stillborn)	1858-	"
M	Merchant (daughter) (stillborn)	1861-	"
A	Francis Ring Merchant	1839-1903	94
B	Juliette E.Merchant	1844-	"
C	Rowena Merchant	1846-1849	"
D	Rowena Merchant	1856-	"
A	Adelia Ann Merchant	1835-1861	97
B	Charles Edward Merchant	1838-	"
C	Lorenzo Dow Merchant	1840-1920	"
D	Elizabeth Friend Merchant	1842-	"
E	Elizabeth Raynes Merchant	1843-	"
F	Jacob L.Merchant	1845-1898	"
G	James E.Merchant	1848-1904	98
H	Merchant (son)	1850-	"
A	Emeline Merchant	1842-1842	105
B	Simeon Merchant	1843-1910	"
C	Emma Warren Merchant	1845-1864	"
D	Elizabeth Richardson Merchant	1848-1886	"
E	Sarah Elizabeth Merchant	--------	"
A	Sarah A.Merchant	1843-1917	113
B	Charles S.Merchant	1845-1918	"
C	Albert Merchant	1848-1852	114
D	Edward S.Merchant	1851-	"
E	Joseph S.Merchant	1853-1904	"
F	Edgar Merchant	1855-1928	"
G	James F.Merchant	1859-	"
H	Hannah Voss Merchant	1861-	"
A	Walter P.Merchant	1848-1853	132
B	Richard E.Merchant	1851-1869	"
A	Edie Swift	-----	"
B	Emma Swift	1845-	"
C	Ida Swift	1847-	"
D	Charles Swift	1849-	"
E	Freddie Swift	1854-1863	"
F	Willie Swift	-------	"
G	Edith Swift	------	"
A	Clarence Eugene Merchant	1851-1924	133
A	Abbie O.Saville	-----	136
A	Sarah Lizzie Merchant	1860-	137
A	Etta Merchant	1856-1920	138

Generation 4

a	William Herbert Merchant	1862-	84
a	Alfred Foster	1862-	"

b Howard Foster	1863-	84
c John B.Foster	1865-	"
d Annie Foster	---	85
a Clifford G.Corliss	1865-	"
b Willie Corliss	1867-1869	"
c William D.Corliss	1872-	"
d Howard F.Corliss	1875-	"
e Albert A.Corliss	1880-1881	"
a Elvite Mary Ann Darley	1860-1860	87
b William Darley	1862-	"
c Joseph N.Darley	1863-	"
d Hall (son)	---	88
e Hall (daughter)	----	"
f Hall (daughter)	---	"
a Lizzie Dunphy	1860-1862	"
b James Dunphy	1862-	"
a Luilla D.Merchant	1867-	"
a Charles McEmans	---	99
b Emma McEmans	---	"
a Benjamin Bowman Merchant	1871-	"
b Walter E.Merchant	1873-	"
c Frank Austin Merchant	1876-	"
d Lizzie D.Merchant	1879-1914	"
e Edwin McEmons Merchant	1883-1903	"
f Mosetta B.Merchant	1886-	"
g Stella D.Merchant (1 mo.)	1889-	100
h Lorenzo D.Merchant (stillborn)	1890-	"
a Manton Elwell Merchant	1872-1956	107
b Willie L.Merchant	1874-1877	"
c Emma Warren Merchant	1877-1969	"
d Rilla F.Merchant	1879-1880	"
e Howard R.Merchant	1881-1947	"
f Helen B.Merchant	1883-	"
g Arthur G.Merchant	1885-1955	"
h Carlton Francis Merchant	1888-1958	"
i Robert Allston Merchant	1889-1979	"
a George V.Fisher	1873-	114
a Mabel C.Merchant	1867-	116
b Albert D.Merchant	1874-	"
c Homer R.Merchant	1877-1956	"
d Augusta Herrick Merchant	1879-	"
a Agnes Merchant	1877-	122
b Roy R.Merchant	-1877	"
c Margaret M.Merchant	------	"
d Carl Merchant	1888-1888	"
a Ida Merchant	1873-	123
b Joseph H.Merchant	1876-	"
c Ralph C.Merchant	1885-	"
a Effie P.Merchant	1878-	128
a Sally Bott	---	131
b Eliza Bott	---	"
c Albert D.Bott	---	"
a Albert Dickerman Merchant	1875-	133

b Harriett Sanborn Merchant	1879-	133
c Stella Alice Merchant	1887-	"
d Clive Clarence Merchant	1888-	"
a Benjamin W.Freeman	1887-	137
a Fred Merchant Tucker	1880-	139
b Arthur C.Tucker	1882-	"
c Grace Tucker	1884-	"
d Grace G.Tucker	1885-	"
e Edith Tucker	--------	"

Generation 5

a 1. Benjamin Bowman Merchant	1895-1977	101
b 1. Elliott Fosberry Merchant	1921-	102
c 1. Ellen E.Merchant	1908-	103
c 2. Willoughby G.Merchant	1910-	"
c 3. Merchant (son)	1912-	"
c 4. Frank Austin Merchant	1914-	"
i 1. Barbara Merchant	1915-	112
i 2. Louise Merchant	1916-	113
i 3. Eleanor Merchant	1924-	"
d 1. Marion Millett	1906-	122
b 1. Gardner H.Merchant	1901-	128
b 2. Merchant (daughter)	1904-	"
c 1. Elizabeth Smith Merchant	1906-	"
c 2. Catherine B.Merchant	1908-	"
a 1. Albert Douglass Merchant	1913-	135
a 2. Lynn Eugene Merchant	1916-	"
a 3. Neddie Cash Merchant	1920-	"
b 1. Edmund Merchant Fowler	1901-	"
b 2. Zeta Voluria Fowler	1903-	"
b 3. Lillian Claire Fowler	1910-	"
b 4. James Winston Fowler	1914-	"
c 1. Julian M.Rowley Jr.	1910-	"
c 2. Muriel Alice Rowley	1911-	"
d 1. Russell Dunning Merchant	1914-	136
d 2. Doris Katherine Merchant	1917-	"

Generation 6

i 1.I Susan Sindall	1938-	112
i 1.II Joan Sindall	------	113
i 3.I Robert Merchant Larson	1947-1971	"
i 3.II Richard Larson	1949-	"
i 3.III William Thomas Larson	1954-	"

Generation 7

i 1.I A Karla Schickele	1967-	112
i 1.I B Matthew Schickele	-----	"

Chapter 4 "Epes Merchant"

Generation 1

1. Epes William Merchant	1804-1887	156
2. Henry Merchant	1805-1870	160
3. George Merchant	1807-1899	166
4. Sarah Eliza Merchant	1809-1889	"
5. Mary Ann Jane Merchant	1811-1863	168
6. Samuel Merchant	1812-1860	169
7. Benjamin William Merchant	1814-1831	195
8. Addison Merchant	1816-1867	"
9. Emeline Merchant	1819-1852	198
10. Gorham Merchant	1822-1849	199

Generation 2

I Henry Edwin Merchant	1828-1900	161
II Julia Ann Babbitt Merchant	1831-1832	"
III John Hammond Merchant	1835-1899	"
I Sarah Eliza Hodgkins	1827-1865	166
II Eben Hodgkins	1830-	167
III Emeline Hodgkins	1834-1835	"
IV Emeline Hodgkins	1835-1836	"
V Caroline Hodgkins	1837-1871	"
VI Gorham Merchant Hodgkins	1838-	"
VII Phebe Ann Hodgkins	1842-	"
I Epes Merchant Parkhurst	1828-	168
II Mary Ann Parkhurst	1830-	"
III Hugh Parkhurst	1832-	"
IV John Parkhurst	1834-1919	"
V Caroline Augusta Parkhurst	1837-1888	"
VI George Henry Parkhurst	1842-1844	"
VII George Henry Parkhurst	1844-1904	"
I Samuel Merchant Jr.	1834-1877	169
II Sarah Abigail Merchant	1836-1927	"
III Epes Merchant	1837-1840	"
IV William Thomas Merchant	1840-1896	"
V Epes Merchant	1842-1869	"
VI Ada B.Merchant	1845-1853	170
VII Lewis Holmes Merchant	1849-1891	"
VIII Effie Merchant	1853-1854	"
I Catherine Marriott Merchant	1838-1894	197
II Emma Clifford Merchant	1840-1840	"
III Fitz Henry Merchant	1843-1856	"
IV Emma Cliford Merchant	1845-1846	"
V Ann Judson Merchant	1848-1856	"
VI Jesse Plummer Merchant	1851-1852	198
I Emeline Merchant (5 mon.)	1842-1842	"
II Simeon Merchant	1843-	"
III Emma Warren Merchant	1845-1864	199
IV Elizabeth Richardson Merchant	1848-1886	"
V Sarah Elizabeth Merchant	------	"

I Emily Ann Merchant	1843-	200
II Laura Josephine Merchant	1845-1847	"
III Gorham Merchant (1 year)	1848-1849	"
IV Gorham F.Merchant	1849-1850	"
Generation 3		
A Walter Clifton Merchant	1854-1857	162
B Nannie Genevieve Merchant	1856-	"
C Florence Merchant	1861-	"
A Walter H.Merchant	-1871	164
B William Lincoln Merchant	1861-1871	"
C John H.Merchant	1861-1867	"
D Frederick S.Merchant	1869-1911	165
E Lizzie Merchant	1874-1922	"
A Epes William Merchant	1873-1932	172
A Effie Howard Merchant	1863-	178
B Willie Frank Merchant	1865-1866	"
C Nellie Wonson Merchant	1868-1868	"
D Cora Fitch Merchant	1872-	"
E William Thomas Merchant Jr.	1874-1897	179
F Grace Center Merchant	1876-1877	"
G Hattie Preston Merchant	1878-1941	"
H Annie Bray Merchant (Twin)	1878-1878	"
I Frederic Wonson Merchant	------	"
A Lewis Holmes Merchant (2 da.)	1874-1874	185
B Helen Burnham Merchant	1877-1962	"
C Abbie Shute Merchant	1882-1982	"
A Henry P.Stevens	1858-1863	197
B Joseph L.Stevens	1861-	"
C Fitz H.Stevens	1864-	"
D Charles Stevens	1869-	"
Generation 4		
a Lillian Dilloway	-----	163
a George B.Dennis	1887-1889	164
b Allan Percy Dennis	1889-	"
a Grace E.Merchant	1894-	165
a Hilda Merchant	1895-1943	173
b Phoebe Merchant	1899-1899	"
c Eunice Merchant	1900-1900	"
d George Perkins Merchant	1901-1952	"
e Lora Merchant	1904-	"
a Roland M.Wass	1886-	178
Generation 5		
b 1. Russell Dennis	-----	164
b 2. Robert Dennis	-----	"

Chapter 5 "George Merchant"

Generation 1

1. Lucy Ann Merchant	1827-1872	214
2. George Merchant Jr.	1828-1906	218
3. Sarah Ellery Merchant	1829-1912	244
4. Julia Ann Merchant	1832-1891	247
5. Mary Elizabeth Merchant	1834-1910	249
6. Sidney Merchant	1837-1909	251
7. Miranda Merchant	1839-1921	252
8. Edwin Merchant	1842-1914	255
9. Isabell Bowen Merchant	1843-1878	262
10. Emily Curtis Merchant	1845-1923	"
11. Laura Jane Merchant	1848-	263
12. Gorham Alfred Merchant	1850-1897	"
13. Albion Howard Merchant	1853-1940	264

Generation 2

I Lucy Ann Thurston	1847-1852	214
II George Thurston	1849-1852	"
III Mary Elizabeth Thurston	1850-	"
IV Lucy Ann Thurston	1853-	"
V George Everett Thurston	1855-	"
VI Ada Jane Thurston	1857-1926	"
VII Albert Daniel Thurston	1860-	"
VIII Charles Sharer Thurston	1862-1902	"
IX John Kimball Thurston	1865-	"
X Henry Rasmus Maddison Thurston	1871-	"
I Mary Jane Merchant	1851-1944	221
II George Edward Merchant	1853-1929	"
III Orlando Merchant	1856-1930	"
IV Flora Estelle Merchant	1858-1860	"
V Eugene Howard Merchant	1861-1863	"
VI Robert Clifford Merchant	1864-1936	"
VII Joseph Carlton Merchant	1867-1961	"
VIII Merchant(son) (1 da.)	1870-1870	"
IX Percy Washburn Merchant	1873-1937	222
I Mary C.Rowe	------	244
II William A.Rowe	------	"
III Lucy M.Rowe	------	"
IV Jennie Rowe	-----	"
V Rowe (child)	----	245
VI Rowe (child)	-----	"
I William Rittal	1850-1852	247
II William Rittal	1852-1878	"
III Alice Elizabeth Martin	1855-1857	"
IV Helen Francis Martin	1857-1927	"
V Thomas Edwin Martin	1859-	"
VI Sidney Franklin Martin	1862-	"
VII Julia Clifford Martin	1865-1868	"
VIII Addison Martin	1867-1867	"

IX Flora Estelle Martin	1871-	247
X Joseph Albert Martin	1873-	"
I Elisha Lufkin	1860-1860	249
II Herbert Lufkin	1861-1861	"
III Laura Alice Lufkin	1863-1864	"
IV Mary Elizabeth Lufkin	1865-1954	"
V Bessie Lufkin (Twin)	1865-1865	"
VI Lucy Jane Lufkin	1868-1899	"
I Emma E.Jackman	1864-	252
II Edith Jackman	------	"
III Charles H.Jackman Jr.	1869-1924	"
IV Carrie May Jackman	------	253
I Clara Augusta Merchant	1864-	255
II Annie Elizabeth Merchant	1865-	"
III Laura Alice Merchant	1867-	"
IV Joseph Edwin Merchant	1870-	"
V David Sherman Merchant	1874-1932	256
VI Forest Edwin Merchant	1881-1939	"
VII Alice May Merchant	1882-1940	"
VIII Everett Ray Merchant	1884-	"
IX Emma Winsor Merchant	1887-	"
X Sumner Quimby Merchant	1893-1921	"
XI Harry A.Merchant	-----	"
I James H.Place	1862-1862	262
I Emma Alice Tarr	1870-	"
II Julia Clifford Tarr	1872-	"
III Isabell Place Tarr	1876-	"
I Edwin Clifford McIntire	1867-	263
II Laura Jane McIntire	1870-	"
III Forest Howard McIntire	1875-	"
I Albion Howard Merchant (12 hours)	1875-1875	264
II Isabell Place Merchant	1876-	"
III Ethel Merchant	1878-	"
IV Lucy Ellen Merchant	1879-1879	"
V Lucy Ellen Merchant	1880-	"
VI Alice May Merchant	1882-1882	"
VII Alice May Merchant	1883-	"
VIII Albion Howard Merchant	1886-1887	"
IX Leland Gordon Merchant	1888-	"
X Eunice Ednah Merchant	1889-	"
XI Albion Howard Merchant	1891-1974	265
XII Ada Francis Merchant	1893-	"
XIII Arthur Merchant (stillborn)	1895	"

Generation 3

A Emma J.Madson	-----	215
B Etta H.Madson	-----	"
C Mary E.Madson	-----	"
A Cora Hannah Grover	-----	217
A Clarence Howard Woodbury	1871-1892	226
B Clara Edna Woodbury	1873-	"
C Herman Foss Woodbury	1875-	227

D Helen Carleton Woodbury	1878-1899	227
E James Arthur Woodbury	1880-	"
F Irving Woodbury	1882-	"
G Elmer Mason Woodbury	1885-	"
A Roy Douglass Merchant	1887-1951	233
B Miriam W.Merchant	1917-	"
A Joseph Merchant (1 da.)	1891-1891	240
A Raymond Presson Merchant	1896-1965	241
B Lois Rachel Merchant	1899-1976	242
C Russell Carlton Merchant	1901-	"
D Percy Washburn Merchant	1903-1982	244
A Eva Friend	-----	246
A Ethel Whitten	-----	248
A Pearl Tian	-----	250
B Elizabeth Edna Tian	1889-1919	"
C Margaret Eleanor Deveau	1909-	"
A Herbert W.Trohon	-----	254
B Viola Trohon	-----	"
A Newell S.Dedcovitch	-----	"
A Earl Greenhalge Tarr Merchant	1903-	256
B Hugh Dennin Merchant	1913-	257
A Orrin L.Merchant	1909-	258
A Everett Ray Merchant Jr.	1914-1927	260
A Sumner Holmes	-----	261
A Louis Arthur Merchant	1919-	"
B Sumner Quimby Merchant (Twin)	1919-	"
A Carl Merchant Harding	-----	267
B Esther Harding	-----	"
C Dorothy Harding	-----	"
A Marion Gertrude Anderson	-----	"
A Stuart Bell	-----	"
A Muriel Parsons	-----	"
A Herman Gordon Merchant	1906-	268
B Robert L.Merchant	1907-1908	"
C Raymond Merchant (22 da.)	1908-1908	"
D Ralph Russell Merchant (31 da.)	1908-1909	"
A Edna Saunders	------	269
B Junior Saunders	------	"
A Michael K.Merchant	------	"
B Robert L.Merchant	1924-	"

Generation 4

a J.Madson O'Keefe	------	215
a Elizabeth Ingalls	------	"
b Harriot Ingalls	------	"
a Charlotte G.Merchant	1911-	236
b Robert Douglass Merchant	1913-1984	"
c John Hiltz Merchant	1917-1920	"
d Orlando Merchant (Twin)	1917-1976	"
a Priscilla Francis Merchant	1923-	241
b Donald Raymond Merchant	------	"
c Sarah Jane Merchant	------	242

d Robert M.Merchant	-------	242
a Richard Merchant	1928-	"
b Merchant (daughter)	-------	"
a Charlotte Merchant	-------	244
a Mary Ella Sylvester	1897-1985	246
a Wilford Burden Dorley	1907-	250
b Mildred Elizabeth Dorley	1917-	"
a Ralph A.Dedcovitch	-----	254
b Margaret M.Dedcovitch	-----	"
a Hugh D.Allen	1913-	258
b Corinne Merle Allen	1915-	"
a Merchant (child)	-----	259
b Lois Merchant	1934-1934	"
a Michael K.Merchant Jr.	-----	269
a Doreen Merchant	1946-	"
b Diane Merchant	1950-	"
c Debra Merchant	1953-	"
d Robert E.Merchant	1955-	"
e Gail Merchant	1962-	270

Generation 5

d 1. Arnold P.Merchant	-----	237
d 2. Mary L.Merchant	-----	"
d 3. Katherine T.Merchant	----	"
b 1. Elizabeth Somers	-----	242
b 2. Helen Somers	-----	"
b 3. Michael Somers	-----	"
b 4. Martin Somers	------	"
b 5. Matthew Somers	------	"
b 6. Amy Somers	-----	"
b 7. John Somers	------	"
a 1. Linda Dorley	------	250
a 1. Michael K.Merchant (3rd)	1983-	269
a 2. Melissa Ann Merchant	1985-	"

Chapter 6 "Our Family Historians" PART II

Generation 1

1. Eugene Howard Merchant (8 da.)	1880-1880	273
2. Fitz Otis Merchant (9 da.)	1880-1880	"
3. Ernest Howard Merchant	1886-	"
4. George Edward Merchant Jr.	1888-	"
1. Roy Douglass Merchant	1940-	301
2. Fredric Orlando Merchant	1942-	"
3. Shirly Ethelyn Merchant	1946-	"
4. Ann Merchant	1948-	302

Generation 2

I Laura Ann Merchant	1967-	303
II Rebecca Diane Merchant	1969-	"

III Suzanne Elaine Merchant	1975-	303
IV Robert Douglass Merchant	1980-	"
I Robin Lyn Merchant	1968-	304
II Michael Fredric Merchant	1972-	"
I David Alan Hyde	1965-	"
II Cheryl Ann Hyde	1966-	"

Chapter 7 "Gorham Alfred Merchant" PART III

Generation 1

1. Gorham Alfred Merchant Jr.	1872-1961	316
2. William Thurston Merchant	1874-1931	325
3. Sidney Merchant	1877-1878	328
4. Frank Merchant	1879-1960	329

Generation 2

I Sadie Marion Merchant	1895-1896	316
II Doris Gray Merchant	1897-1970	"
III Priscilla Wonson Merchant	1901-	"
IV Merchant (son) (stillborn)	1907	"

Generation 3

A Phillis G.Black	1919-1970	319
B Barbara P.Black	-----	"
C Beverly B.Black	-----	"
D John Weston Black	-----	"
E David E.Black	-----	"
A Donald Scott Laurie	1924-	324
B John Sewall Laurie	1925-	"
C Dana Merchant Laurie	1928-	"
D Lois Wonson Laurie	1930-	"

Chapter 8 "Frank Merchant"

Generation 1

1. Russell Wilfred Merchant	1908-1954	342
2. Hazel Evelyn Merchant	1919-	"

Generation 2

I Pauline Shirley Gray	1947-	344
II Alice Jean Gray	1952-	"
III Allen Richard Gray	1954-	"

Generation 3

A Michael Charles Christian	1967-	344
B Mark Thomas Christian	1970-	"
C Marvin Lloyd Christian	1975-	"

A Terrie Lynn Hawk	1970-	344
B Tina Darlene Hawk	1973-	"
C Timithy Daniel Hawk	1979-	"
A Dennis Lee Gray	1974-	345
B Laura Ann Gray	1976-	"
C Richard Brian Gray	1982-	"

Chapter 9 "Russell Wilfred Merchant"

Generation 1

1. Frank Russell Merchant	1933-	355
2. George Albert Merchant	1934-	"
3. Leona Evelyn Merchant	1936-	360
4. Clement Oscar Merchant	1938-	362
5. Diana Iona Merchant	1940-	365
6. David Lewellyn Merchant	1944-1972	366
7. Ralph Amos Merchant	1948-	367
8. John Hunt	1956-	"

Generation 2

I George Albert Merchant	1957-	357
II Leo Russell Merchant	1958-	"
III Blanch Estelle Merchant	1959-	"
IV Priscilla Vera Merchant	1960-	"
V Louise Alberta Merchant	1963-	"
VI Raymond Morse Merchant	1965-	"
VII Veronica Ruth Merchant	1966-	"
VIII Samantha Annette Merchant	1967-	"
IX George David Merchant	1969-	"
X Helen Florence Merchant	1971-	358
XI Ronald Albert Jacques (Twin)	1973-	"
XII Joseph Aldolph Albert Jacques	1973-	"
I Gail Ann Merchant	1955-	361
I Clement Oscar Merchant Jr.	1956-	363
II Russell Herbert Merchant	1957-	"
III Roberta Jean Merchant	1958-	"
IV Audrey Eleanor Merchant	1960-1961	364
V Theresa Ann Sanborn	1963-	"
VI Charles Ralph Sanborn	1964-	"
I Marie Ducharme	1960-	365B
II Timothy Ducharme	1962-	"
III Lisa Ducharme	1966-	"
IV Deborah Ducharme	1969-	"
I Rebecca Ann Hunt	1975-	368

Generation 3

A Nathan Elijah Merchant	1984 ?	358
A Leo Russell Merchant Jr.	1986-	"
A Anthony Jacques	(no data)	"
B Carrie Ann Jacques	1981-	"
A Nickalas Pipin	(no data)	359
A Tanya Lynn Hapgood	1981-	"
B Jenney Lee Hapgood	1984-	"
C Charles Renard Hapgood	1985-	"
D Adrian Ann Hapgood	1986-	"
A Jamie Coscell	1985-	"
A Stephen James Calebro	1974-	361
B Kimberly Dawn Barnett	1978-	"
C Carrie Elizabeth Barnett	1980-	"
A Amanda Elane Merchant	1980-	364
B Christopher David Merchant	1981-	"
C Russell Herbert Merchant Jr.	1983-	365
D Melissa Louise Merchant	1984-	"
A Jason Larry Stanley	1979-	"
B Jessica Lynn Stanley	1981-	"

Chapter 10 "Frank Russell Merchant"

Generation 1

1.Frank Russell Merchant Jr.	1955-	382
2.Jeremiah David Merchant	1960-	"
3.Nathan Levi Merchant	1963-	383

Generation 2

I Nathaniel Levi Merchant	1986-	383

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